CHARTER

AND

BYE LAWS

OF THE

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY

OF

Clock Makers,

OF THE

CITY OF LONDON,

INCORPORATED

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CHARTER.

Charles, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To ALL MEN to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

KNOW ye, that we, at the humble petition of the Clock-Makers, as well freemen of our city of London, residing and inhabiting within the liberties and suburbs thereof, as also those that are foreigners, using the same trade, not of the freedom of the said city, and residing in or near the said city, liberties, and suburbs thereof, for the better order, rule, and government of them and every of them, and of others using the same Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, and also upon certificate made unto us from the lord-mayor, recorder, and aldermen of the said

Petition to the King by the Clock-Makers, &c. praying to be incorporated. (7 Car. I.)

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city of London on their behalf, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, HAVE willed, ordained, constituted, and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do will, ordain, constitute, declare, and grant:

Incorporation of all the Clock-Makers both free and foreign; (*i. e.* persons not free of the city of London) who practice the art of Clock-Making within the city of London and ten miles compass;

THAT *all and singular the Clock-Makers and other person and persons whatsoever, as well freemen of or in our city of London, as also all other our natural freeborn subjects, using the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making within the said city, liberties, or suburbs thereof, or within any place within ten miles of the said city, as well within liberties and places exempt, as in other places, be and shall be, by virtue of these presents, for ever hereafter, one body corporate and politic, in deed and name to have continuance for ever,*

with perpetual succession.

Title of the Company.

by the name of The Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and them by the name of Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, we do for us, our heirs and successors, really and fully create, erect, make, ordain, and constitute, by these presents, one body corporate and politic, in deed and in name, to have continuance for ever.

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AND that by the same name they may and shall have perpetual succession.

AND that they and their successors, by the name of Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art and Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, persons able and capable in law to purchase, have, receive, and enjoy any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises, and other hereditaments whatsoever, of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality they be, to them and their successors in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life or lives, year or years, or otherwise in what sort soever, not held of us, our heirs, or successors, in *capite* or by knight's service; AND ALSO all manner of goods, chattels, and things whatsoever, of what name, nature, or quality soever they be: AND ALSO to give, grant, alien, assign, and set over and dispose of any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments; AND ALSO to do and execute all and singular other acts and things whatsoever, by the name aforesaid.

Power to purchase lands, tenements, &c.

Power to sell and alienate lands, &c.

AND that by the name of Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery

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of Clock-Making, of the city of London, they and their successors shall or may be able to plead and be impleaded, to answer and to be answered unto, to defend and be defended, in any court or courts, place or places whatsoever, and before whatsoever judge or judges, justice or justices, or other persons or officers of us, our heirs and successors whatsoever, in all and singular actions, pleas, suits, plaints, matters, and demands of whatsoever kind, quality, or sort they shall be, in the same manner and form as any other of our liege people and subjects, of this our realm of England, being persons able and capable in law, or any other body corporate and politic, within this our realm of England, can or may have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, retain, give, grant, let, alien, dispose, and assign, implead or to be impleaded unto, answer or to be answered unto, defend and be defended, do permit or execute.

Power to plead and defend any cause as any other subject.

And that they the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors for ever hereafter, shall and may have and use a Common Seal, for the expediting of the causes and business of them

To have a Common seal;

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and their successors. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the said Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, and their successors, to alter and make new the said seal from time to time, at their wills and pleasure, as they shall think fit.

with power to alter and make new from time to time.

AND FURTHER, we will and ordain, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors, that for ever hereafter there be and shall be *one of the said Art, Mystery, or Fellowship, in manner and form hereafter in these presents mentioned, to be chosen and named,* which shall be and shall be called *the Master of the said Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London.

Power to elect one of the Fellowship to be Master;

AND that likewise there be and shall be *three of the said Fellowship, in manner and form hereafter mentioned to be nominated* and elected, which shall be and shall be called, *the Wardens of the Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London.

and three of the Fellowship to be Wardens;

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also ten of the freemen to be called Assistants, to assist and aid the Master and Wardens for the time being.

AND ALSO, that there be and shall be ten or more *Freemen of the said Fellowship, in manner and form hereafter in these presents expressed, to be named* and chosen, which shall be, and shall be called the *Assistants of the said Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London. And from time to time shall be *assisting and aiding to the Master and Wardens* of the said Fellowship for the time being, in all causes, matters, and business, touching or concerning the said Fellowship.

What persons must be present to constitute a court, having power to make laws and ordinances, (19 Hen. VII. 7.)

AND that the said *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being to be two), *shall and may have full power and authority* by these presents, to *make, constitute, ordain, and set down, from time to time, such reasonable* laws, statutes, decrees, ordinances, and constitutions, *in writing*, whatsoever, which to them, or the greater part of them, whereof the Master and one of the Wardens as aforesaid for the time being to be two, shall seem good, wholesome, profitable, honest, and necessary, *according to their discretions,* as well *for and concerning* such *oaths* as shall be fit to be administered *to the Master, Wardens,*

for the government of its own members,

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and Assistants, or any other of the said Fellowship, free, foreign, or stranger. As also, *for, touching, or concerning the said Trade, Art, or Mystery, in the making of clocks, watches, 'larums, boxes, or cases for clocks, watches, or 'larums, or any other manner of work concerning their Art, Mystery, or Profession of Clock-Making.* As also for the punishment and reformation of such abuses, deceits, and other wrongful practices, as shall from time to time be practised, either in making, mending, or uttering any bad, deceitful, or hurtful wares, whereby our loving subjects may be wronged, deceived, or abused, or any other wrong, cozenage, deceit, or abuse concerning the said art and mystery, offered or committed at any time within the said city, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or in any other place or places, privileged or not privileged, within ten miles compass of the said city. And also, for the good rule and government of the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the said Art or Mystery of Clock-Making aforesaid, and their successors, and of all and singular persons using, exercising, or trading in the said Art, Trade, or Mystery of Clock-Making, and every of them, both within the city of London and liberties thereof, and ten miles compass of the said city, in all matters and things

free, foreign, and stranger: and also concerning the said Art or Trade in any respect.

Deceitful practices punishable.

Power to make laws and ordinances for the government of all persons using the art, in all things appertaining thereto, within the city of London and ten miles compass of the same.

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touching or in any wise concerning the said Art, Trade, or Mystery of Clock-Making aforesaid. AND *for declaration after what manner, order, and form, the said* Master, Wardens, *and* Fellowship, *and their successors, and all and every other person and persons using and exercising the said Art, Trade, and Mystery of Clock-Making* within this our realm of England, shall behave, demean, carry, and use themselves in their said offices, mysteries, and work, for the public good and common profit of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, and of the rest of our people, and for all other matters, things, and causes touching or concerning the said Art, Trade, or Mystery of Clock-Making, by any manner of means.

Power to regulate the manner in which all persons using the art throughout England shall carry on the same.

AND WHENSOEVER *the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants* for the time being, or the greater part of them (whereof *the Master and one of the Wardens* for the time being *to be two*), do make, ordain, constitute, and establish such laws, ordinances, decrees, orders, and constitutions, to ordain, provide, and limit such pains, punishments, and penalties, either by fine or amercements, breaking the works deceitfully made, or by any other lawful ways or means whatsoever, upon all

Power to fine and punish offenders against their laws.

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offenders or breakers of such laws, ordinances, decrees, orders, and constitutions, or any of them, as to them or any of them, or the greater part of them (whereof *the Master and one of the Wardens* for the time being *to be two*), shall seem necessary, fit, and convenient to be made, set, imposed, limited, and provided for the keeping of the same laws, orders, and constitutions.

To recover fines and penalties to their own use.

THAT then, and at any time after, the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors, shall and may by virtue hereof, have and levy the same fines and amercements to their own use, and put in execution the said other penalties, without the let or hindrance of us, our heirs and successors, or without giving or rendering any thing therefore to us, our heirs or successors, or any other persons whatsoever.

All laws and ordinances to be obeyed.

ALL which laws, ordinances, statutes, decrees, and constitutions so as aforesaid to be made, we will to be observed and kept upon the pains therein contained.

Provided that no ordinances

SO ALWAYS, *as such laws, ordinances, constitutions, fines, amercements, or other ways*

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be contrary to law or custom.

or means be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the laws of this our realm of England, nor to the customs or usage of this our city of London.

All apprentices to persons using the art to be bound to a free Clock-Maker only.

AND FURTHER, our royal will and pleasure is, for the better strengthening of the said government, that if any person or persons hereafter professing the trade of Clock-Making, and being free of that Company, or of any other company whatsoever, within the city of London, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or the limits hereby proposed, and shall take unto him or them an apprentice for the term of seven years or otherwise, according to the custom of the said city, that the said apprentice or apprentices shall for ever hereafter be bound to some free brother of the said Company of Clock-Makers, *to the end the said Brotherhood in time may become an able body of itself, without the disturbance of any other society or government.*

Creation of the first Master by name;

AND for the better executing of this our grant in that behalf, we have assigned, named, constituted and made, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, name, constitute, and make our well-beloved servant David Ramsey, *Esquire*, to

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be the first and present Master *of the said Fellowship, he being or having been a professed Clock-Maker*, and *to continue in the same office until the feast-day of Saint Michael the Archangel, next ensuing* the date of these presents, if he shall so long live; and from thence until one other of the said Fellowship shall be chosen and named unto the office of Master of the said Fellowship in due manner, according to the ordinances and provisions hereafter in these presents mentioned and expressed.

who is to continue his office until the ensuing Michaelmas-day, and until the election of a successor.

And also, we have assigned, named, and constituted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, name, constitute, and make our well-beloved Henry Archer, John Wellowe, and Sampson Shelton, to be the first and present Wardens *of the said Fellowship, they being also, or having been, professed Clock-Makers*, and they and either of them respectively *to continue in their said office until the said feast-day of Saint Michael the Archangel next ensuing* the date of these presents, if they or either of them shall so long live. And from thence until three other of the said Fellowship, according to the ordinances and provisions in these

Creation of the first Wardens by name;

to continue their office until the ensuing Michaelmas-day, and until the election of successors.

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presents expressed and declared, shall be newly chosen.

Creation of the first Assistants by name:

AND we have assigned, named, constituted, appointed and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, name, constitute, and make our well-beloved James Vantrollyer, John Smith, Francis Forman, John Harris, Richard Morgan, Samuel Lynaker, John Charlton, John Midnall, Simon Bartram, and Edward East, to be the first and present Assistants *of the said Fellowship*,

to continue during life, unless they shall be removed for some reasonable cause.

to continue in the said office of Assistants during their natural lives, unless they or any of them respectively shall fortune to be removed for the misbehaving him or themselves in their said office, or for some other reasonable cause, whom for such reasonable cause we will shall be removeable from time to

Assistants removable, and by what authority.

time, at the pleasure of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship, or the greater part of them, whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two.

NEVERTHELESS, our will and pleasure is, that the said David Ramsey, before mentioned, to be *Master of the said Fellowship, before he enter into the execution of the said*

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place and office, take his corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelists, for the faithful and due execution of the said office before the Lord-mayor of our city of London, unto which Lord-mayor we do hereby give power and authority *to administer an* oath *unto the said first and present Master, and the three first Wardens*, by virtue of this our present grant hereby mentioned accordingly, without any further commission or warrant from us, our heirs or successors, to be procured in that behalf.

First Master sworn before the Lord-mayor, as also the three first Wardens.

And afterwards we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, do for ever hereafter grant and give unto the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art and Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors; also, that the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them (*whereof* we will *the Master and one of the Wardens* for the time being *to be two*), from time to time, for ever hereafter, shall have full power and authority, yearly and every year, upon the said feast-day of Saint Michael the archangel, if it fall not out to be on the Sabbath-day, or in such case the next day following,

Power to elect officers annually on Michaelmas-day.

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and so from day to day until election and acceptation of officers as after followeth shall be made, to elect *and nominate* one *of* the FREEMEN of the said Fellowship, *he being or having been a professed Clock-Maker at the time of his election,* to be the Master *of the said Fellowship*, for one year then next ensuing, and from thence until one other of the said Fellowship be chosen into the said office of Master of the said Fellowship, according to the ordinances and provisions in these presents expressed and declared, unless in the mean-time he shall die, or be removed as aforesaid.

One of the FREEMEN to be elected Master, who must be or have been a professed Clock-maker:

AND that he which shall be so chosen and named into the office of Master of the said Fellowship, *before he* be admitted or *execute his said office, shall take his corporal oath before the last Master* of the said Fellowship *then living, and the Wardens* of the said Fellowship *for the time being, or two of them,* well and truly to execute the said office of Master of the said Fellowship, unto whom, and their successors, we do hereby give full power and authority to administer an oath or oaths accordingly. And that after the said oath or oaths so as aforesaid taken, he shall have and exercise the office of Master,

and he shall take the oath before the last Master and two Wardens before he be admitted into his office.

Power for the old officers to administer the oaths to the new ones.

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until one other be chosen and sworn into the said office, in manner and form aforesaid.

AND that then likewise *they may* elect, nominate, and choose, three *other of the* FREEMEN of the said Fellowship to be Wardens of the said Fellowship, *which shall be, or have been, professed Clock-Makers as aforesaid*, to continue in the same office one year then next ensuing, and from thence until three others of the said Fellowship be chosen in the said office of Wardens of the said Fellowship, according to the ordinances and provisions in these presents expressed and declared, unless, in the mean-time, any of them shall die or be removed as aforesaid.

Three of the FREEMEN to be elected Wardens, who must be or have been professed Clock-makers.

AND that they which shall be so chosen and named into the office of Wardens of the said Fellowship, before they be admitted to execute the said office, *shall take their corporal oath before the Master and last Wardens* of the said Fellowship *then living, or two of them*, well and truly to execute the said office of Wardens in all things touching and concerning the said offices, unto whom and their successors we do hereby give power to administer an oath accordingly. And that after such oaths so as aforesaid taken,

New Wardens to take the oaths before the last Master and two Wardens, before they be admitted into their offices.

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they shall and may execute their office from thence, until three other be chosen and sworn in form aforesaid into the said office of Wardens of the Fellowship, in manner and form afore in these presents expressed and declared.

Power to elect a Master on death or removal of the old one.

AND FURTHER, by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, we will and do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors, That *if it happen the* Master *of the said Fellowship* for the time being, at any time within one year after that he be chosen into his office, do die, *or be removed* from the same *(whom we will shall be removeable upon reasonable and just cause, at the pleasure of the Wardens and Assistants* of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them, whereof *one of the Wardens to be one)*, That then, and so often, it shall and may be lawful to and for the *Wardens and Assistants of the said Fellowship* for the time being, or the greater part of them (whereof *one of the Wardens to be one*), *within one month* next after such decease or removal, *to choose*, elect, and swear one other *of the* Wardens *or* Assistants of

Master removable for reasonable cause.

Election to take place within one month after death or removal, and must be either a Warden or Assistant; and

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the said Fellowship for the time being, to be Master *of the said Fellowship*, to execute and exercise the said office of Master of the said Fellowship *until the feast of St. Michael the Archangel then next following*, and from thence until one other be chosen in the said place in manner aforesaid, *he* or *they first taking his or their corporal oath* or oaths, in manner and form aforesaid. And so as often as the cause shall so require.

to continue only until Michaelmas-day following;

but not to act until sworn.

AND if it shall happen *the* Wardens of the Fellowship, *or one of them*, at any time within one year after they or any of them be chosen into his or their office or offices *to* die, *or be removed* from his or their office or offices, *whom we will upon reasonable and just cause shall be removable at the pleasure of the Master, Wardens, and the Assistants* of the said Company, or the greater part of them for the time being, that then and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, and their successors, *which shall be then living* or remaining, or the greater part of them, at their pleasure, to elect, choose, and give oath unto one, two, or three other of the said Fellowship to be Warden or Wardens according to the orders and provisions before in and

Power to elect Wardens on death or removal.

Wardens removable for reasonable cause;

and other of the Fellowship may be chosen instead.

New Wardens not to act until sworn,

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and to continue until ensuing Michaelmas-day.

by these presents expressed and declared, to execute and exercise the said office of Warden or Wardens of the said Fellowship *until the said feast of St. Michael the Archangel then next following*, in form as aforesaid, and so as often as the cause shall happen or require.

Power to elect Assistants on vacancies occasioned *by death or removal*,

AND FURTHER, we will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, we do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, and their successors, that *whensoever it happeneth any of* the Assistants of the said Fellowship for the time being *to* die, *or to be removed* by the greater part of the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, for the time being (*whereof the Master and one of the Wardens* for the time being *to be two*), for evil government or misbehaviour, or for any other reasonable cause, that then and so often, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *and so many of the said Assistants* for the time being, *which shall then survive and remain*, or the greater part of them (*whereof the Master and one of the Wardens* as aforesaid, for the time being *to be two*), at their will and pleasure, from time to time, *to choose or name* one other or more of the Fellowship *aforesaid*,

which elections may be made at the pleasure of the Court as often as the case may require.

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to be Assistant or Assistants *of the said Fellowship*, in his or their place or stead, *which shall so happen to* die *or to be removed* as is aforesaid. And that he or they after they be so chosen and named to be Assistant or Assistants of the said Fellowship as aforesaid, before that he or they, or any of them, be admitted to the execution of the office or offices of Assistant or Assistants of the said Fellowship, shall take his or their corporal oath or oaths, before the Master and Wardens of the said Fellowship, well and truly to execute the said office and offices, and so, as often as the cause shall so require. Unto which Master and Wardens, and their successors, we do by these presents give power and authority to administer an oath or oaths accordingly, for the general good of the said Society or Fellowship of Clock-Makers.

New Assistants not to act till sworn.

And further, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them *(whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two), to give and administer an oath or oaths,* from time to time, to every particular freeman, foreigner, denizon, or stranger, or any others that shall be admitted by the *Master, Warden-*

Power to administer oath to any person admitted under the government of the Company, for the due performance of all things appertaining to the art.

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and *Court of Assistants*, or the major part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two), under the government of the said Fellowship, for performance of such things as shall be requisite and necessary by them to be done and performed in their several Arts and Mysteries of Clock-Making.

Power to govern and make laws for the regulation of all persons who in anywise use the art, or any part thereof whatsoever, within England and Wales.

AND we will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, for the better order, rule, and government of all and singular person and persons which shall be admitted by the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Court* of *Assistants*, a member of that Fellowship, of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, or which now do use, or hereafter shall use, either making, mending, buying, selling, ingrossing, or retailing, or do any manner of work generally or particularly belonging to the Trade, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, or the making, buying, selling, transporting, and importing any bad, deceitful, and insufficient *Clocks*, *Watches*, *'larums*, *Sun-dials*, *Boxes or Cases*, *for the said Trade*, *Art*, *or Mystery of Clock-Making*, *be they of what metal or of what nature*, *condition*, *or fashion soever*; *or any other work peculiarly belonging to the said Trade of Clock-Making*, coming either from

Whether the several productions of the art are made at home or brought from foreign parts or otherwise.

Productions of the art enumerated.

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foreign parts or provinces forth of our dominions, or within our dominions, and made, sold, or brought to be sold within the said city of London, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or ten miles of the said city, or within our realm of England or dominion of Wales.

Power to make a general search and view of all productions of the art, &c. made within this realm, or brought from foreign parts for sale;

We do will, and for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the said *Master*, and *Wardens* and *Assistants*, or any two of them (whereof the said Master or one of the said Wardens for the time being, *to be one*), or their lawful sufficient deputy or deputies in that behalf lawfully deputed and assigned, together with a constable or other officer or officers of us, our heirs or successors, from time to time, when they shall think necessary or expedient to enter into any ships' bottom, vessels, or lighters, or any other warehouse or warehouses, houses, shops, or any other place or places whatsoever, where they or any of them shall suspect any such watches, 'larums, sun-dials, or any the premises before-mentioned, to be so brought in, made, or wrought as aforesaid, to be and remain, and then and there to make search for all the said clocks, watches, 'larums, sun-dials, or cases made

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for any clocks, watches, or 'larums, or any other works as aforesaid peculiarly belonging to the said trade of Clock-Making, made within this realm, or brought into the same to be put to sale. And them to view and survey, and such of them as shall be faulty and deceitfully wrought, to seize on them and break them, or cause them, if they shall think fit it may be well done to be amended, and to take such order and security, that none of them that shall not be substantially and truly wrought be put to sale, or not made of good and lawful metals, or by such men who have not served out the full term of seven years, according to the statute in that case made and provided, and the parties themselves suppressed, or such of them, and all such works as shall be deceitfully wrought, and cannot be by art well and sufficiently amended, that then it shall be lawful for the said Master and Wardens, or one of them, or their sufficient deputy so assigned from time to time, upon due search, as often as they shall think fit, to seize the same faulty and deceitful work or works, and every part and parcel thereof, into their hands, in the names of us, our heirs and successors; and in presence of the mayor,

and to seize and break work if unlawfully made, or made of bad materials, or to cause the same to be amended and made perfect;

The work of persons who have not served an apprenticeship of seven years to be seized, and the parties suppressed.

Faulty and deceitful work to be seized in the king's name;

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sheriffs, and bailiff, constable, headborough, or other chief officer or officers of the place or county where such seizure shall be made, shewing the deceitfulness or insufficiency of the work to him or them, and he or they approving thereof, to break the same.

and upon proof of insufficiency before the Mayor, &c. the same to be broken.

But if in such case the mayor, sheriff, bailiff, or other chief officer of that place or county cannot sufficiently judge of the reasons, that the said Master, Warden or Wardens, or some of the Assistants of the said Fellowship of Clock-Making, of our city of London, or their sufficient and lawful deputy or deputies, shall give and shew them that the work or works is deceitful and fit to be broken, then our will and pleasure is, that the said work or wares, by virtue of these presents, shall be brought to the common-hall or place of meeting of the Fellowship of Clock-Making, in our city of London, there to be viewed by the *Master*, *Wardens*, and the *whole Court* of *Assistants*, and there to be adjudged by them or the greater part of the assembly (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two.) And then if they shall think fit to break or deface it, they then to do it so that it may not hereafter be put to sale, except

In case the Mayor, &c. cannot judge of such insufficiency,

then the seized work to be brought to the Company's hall to be adjudged;

and if condemned, to be broken, except the owner appeal

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to the Lord-mayor for further judgment.

the owner thereof do appeal to the Lord-mayor of our city of London, to be further judged there.

Power to break open any place if refused entrance to search it.

AND in case the said *Master*, *Wardens*, or *Assistants*, or their sufficient deputy or deputies and officers aforesaid, shall be denied entrance into any the places aforesaid, or shall be denied to have the sight of any such wares as aforesaid, that then it shall and may be lawful for them or any of them, with such assistants as aforesaid, to break open any

and to seize work and tools therein concealed.

locks, doors, bolts, latches, chests, trunks, boxes, or other thing or things whatsoever, where they shall suspect any such work, wares, or tools to be, and the same to take and seize as aforesaid.

Power to sue in the Exchequer all such as act contrary to this Charter.

AND if the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or the greater part of them, shall so think fit to make presentment or information of the workers or putters to sale, either by wholesale or retail, or by piece-meal or otherwise, of all such deceitful work, works, or wares, or other the offenders aforesaid, in our Exchequer as aforesaid, of us, our heirs and successors, to the end that the said workers or putters to sale thereof, and other the said offenders,

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may receive such condign punishment, as by the laws or our prerogative royal can, or may be, required for the same.

No Alien or Stranger shall work within the limits of this grant, but with an allowed and professed Clock-Maker.

And our pleasure is that no alien or stranger whatsoever, born out of our dominions, not naturalized or denized, (saving such as are already allowed of by us), shall attempt to work in any place whatsoever, either chamber, house, or any other place or places whatsoever, within the limits and circuits of this our royal grant, either privileged or not privileged, saving only to or with an allowed and professed clock-maker.

To prevent frauds and abuses on the public,

And for the further preventing of abuses and frauds in uttering and selling such deceitful wares, made or imported to the abuse of our subjects; It is our will and pleasure, and we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors, straightly charge and command that no person or persons whatsoever, Englishmen, denizens, or strangers, which shall import or bring into this our realm of England, or the dominions of Wales or any part of them, or either of them, any clocks, watches, 'larums, boxes, sun-dials, or cases for watches, clocks, or 'larums, or any other wares properly belonging

no persons whatsoever shall import any clocks, watches, &c.

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to the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, by way of merchandize, do presume, attempt, or go about at any time or times, to utter, vent, or make sale of the same, or any of them, to any person or persons within the said realm or dominion, before the same be brought to the hall or meeting-place of the said Clock-Makers, in our said city of London or elsewhere, to be viewed and approved of, and receive a mark by them to be ordained, testifying the allowance of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Company, upon pain of forfeiture of such clocks, watches, 'larums, boxes, cases, or sun-dials, or cases for watches, clocks, or 'larums, or any other wares or works so uttered or sold, or attempted or offered to be sold, (which do properly belong to the Art of Clock-Making) contrary to this our pleasure, and upon such further pains and penalties as by the laws or statutes of this realm may be inflicted upon the offenders for contempt of this our royal command.

or offer the same for sale,

before such work be brought to the Company's Hall to be viewed, and marked, upon pain of forfeiture of such work,

and further penalties.

Nevertheless, if the maker, merchant, or owner of such clock, watch, alarum or other such work, shall not rest satisfied with the judgment of the said *Master*, *Wardens*, *and Assistants*, of and in the goodness or deceit-

Should the judgment pronounced by the Company be disputed,

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fulness of the same, that then and in every such case our will and command is, that the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, do forbear to break or deface the said work, until such further trial thereof be had as the lord-mayor of the city of London, and the court of aldermen of the said city (if the same shall be in London) shall allow of and direct. And in the mean-time the same to be safely kept by the Master or Wardens, until such further trial thereof shall be had as aforesaid.

the work shall not be defaced, but an appeal be made to the Lord Mayor, &c.

the work in the mean time to be safely kept by the Master and Wardens.

And therefore, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, give power and authority unto the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship, for the time being or any of them, with the assistance of a constable, or some other officer or officers of us, our heirs and successors in due and lawful manner, to make search in all and every place and places convenient, as well privileged as not privileged, within our said realm and dominion, or either of them, as well within liberties as without, for such clocks, watches, or 'larums, sun-dials or cases, for either of them, great or small, or any other work or wares peculiarly belonging to the Art of

Power to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any of them, with the assistance of a constable, to search throughout England and Wales for such foreign clocks, &c. and for the several productions enumerated, and such as are not lawfully imported and marked to seize,

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Clock-Making, as shall be so imported, made, uttered, or sold, or offered to be sold, contrary to the true meaning hereof. And having found any such, to seize and take the same as forfeited to the use of us, our heirs and successors. And if the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or the greater part of them as aforesaid, shall so think fit, further to prosecute the offenders, according to the laws of this realm.

and prosecute the offenders.

One half of all forfeitures to be to the use of the king and the other half to be taken by the Company.

AND for the care, pains, and expence of the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, in the execution thereof, and toward the supportation of the public charge of the said Fellowship or Company: We do hereby, for us, our heirs and successors, so far as in us lieth, give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship*, and their successors, the moiety or one half of all and singular the said forfeitures, without any account or any thing therefore to us, our heirs and successors, to be rendered, paid, made, or given.

All officers of Justice are to assist the Company

AND FURTHER, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, we do straightly charge and command, all and singular mayors, justices of peace, sheriffs,

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bailiffs, constables, headboroughs, and all other officers, ministers, and subjects of us, our heirs and successors whatsoever, that they and every of them, from time to time, and at all times, as often as cause shall require, with their best power and ability, to be aiding, helping, assisting, and comforting to the said *Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of Clock-Makers of London*, for the time being, and every of them and their successors, in the doing, enjoying, having, and executing all and singular thing and things whatsoever, by us before by these presents granted unto the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Fellowship* as aforesaid, and every or any part or parts thereof, according to the tenure and true meaning of these presents.

In the execution of the powers herein granted and contained.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do grant unto the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making of the city of London aforesaid, and their successors, that they and their successors shall and may have one honest and discreet person, in manner and form hereafter, in these presents expressed, to be chosen and named, which shall be, and shall be called the Clerk of the

To have a clerk of the said fellowship

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said Fellowship of that Art or Mystery of Clock-Makers of the city of London.

The first clerk named, and to continue for life unless removed for misconduct.

And we have assigned, constituted, and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, constitute, make, name, and ordain, our well-beloved subject Thomas Copley, to be the first and present Clerk of the said Fellowship, to continue in the said office during the term of his natural life, (unless upon some misdemeanor there shall be just occasion to remove him.)

On death or removal, one other to be chosen,

And that from time to time, and at all times, after the death of the said Thomas Copley, the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforesaid, shall and may choose, name, and make one other discreet person, to be Clerk of the said Fellowship.

who shall continue during the pleasure of the Master, Wardens, &c.

And that he which shall be chosen and made Clerk of the said Fellowship, after the death of the said Thomas Copley as is aforesaid, shall and may exercise and enjoy the said office of Clerk of the said Fellowship during the good-will and pleasure of the said

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Master, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, of the said Fellowship for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforesaid.

THE *said Clerk* so to be named and appointed after the death of the said Thomas Copley as aforesaid, first *taking his corporal oath* before the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, for the time being, or the greater part of them, *well and truly to execute the said office of Clerk of the said Fellowship, in and by all things appertaining to the said office, according to his best skill and knowledge, and according to the tenor and true meaning of these presents.*

to be sworn truly to execute his office before he be allowed to act.

UNTO which *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their successors, now and for the time being, or the greater part of them, we do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant full power and authority, to administer such oath and oaths as aforesaid, as well to the said present Clerk, as to all other future Clerk or Clerks, or to any other Officer, Beadle or Beadles, whom they shall choose or think fit to entertain in and *for the service* of the said Fellowship, without any further warrant or commission

Power granted to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, to administer oaths to all clerks, beadles, and other officers.

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from us, our heirs or successors, to be in that behalf had, procured, or obtained.

To have and to hold their several places, privileges, immunities, &c. any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

ALTHOUGH express of the true yearly value or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gift or grant, by us or by any of our progenitors or predecessors, to the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making, of the city of London, heretofore made in these presents, is not made, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamation, or restraint, to the contrary thereof, heretofore made, ordained, or provided, or any other matter, cause, or thing whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

Anno Domini 1631.

IN WITNESS whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness ourself at Canbury, the two-and-twentieth day of August, in the seventh year of our reign.

Per Breve de privato Sigillo.

WOLSELEY.

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Anno Dni 1632.

BYE-LAWS.

To ALL XTIAN PEOPLE to whom this present writing shall come, Thomas, Lord Coventrye, *lord keeper of the great seal of England;* Sir Thomas Richardson, knight, *lord chief-justice of his Highness' court of King's-Bench; and* Sir Robert Heath, knight, *lord chief-justice of his Highness' Court of Common Pleas;* send greeting, in our Lord God Everlasting.

WHEREAS, *in a certain Act, of Parliament,* holden at Westminster, the five-and-twentieth day of January, *in the nineteenth year* of the reign of the late king, of famous memory, Henry, after the conquest the Seventh, *made and ordained for the weal and profit of his* 19th Hen. 7th. Concerning

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the enacting of bye-laws by guilds or fraternities,

subjects: it was amongst other things *ordained, established, and enacted, that* no Master, Wardens, or Fellowship of Crafts or Mysteries, *or any of them, nor any rulers of guilds or fraternities, should take upon them* to execute any acts *or ordinances by them thentofore made* in disinheritance or diminution of the prerogative of the king, nor of any other, *nor against* the common profit of the people.

by whom the same are to be examined and approved, under forfeiture of 40*l.*

But *if the same Acts and Ordinances be examined and approved by the chancellor then of England; or chief-justices of either bench, or three of them; or before both the justices of assize, in their circuit or progress in the shire where such Acts and Ordinances should be made,* upon pain of forfeiture of forty pounds *for every time they did thereunto contrary,* as by the said Act of Parliament more plainly doth and may appear.

Acts and ordinances presented 2d Jan. 1632.

KNOW YE, that the *Master, Wardens,* and *Fellowship* of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making of the city of London, the second day of January, in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Have *exhibited and presented unto us a book, wherein are contained divers* Acts, Ordi-

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nances, and Constitutions, *heretofore devised, ordained, and* made by the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the same Fellowship, being thereunto enabled by* letters patent *of our said sovereign lord the* King, *bearing date the two and twentieth day of August, in the seventh year of the reign of our said sovereign lord* Charles; and *thereupon have instantly desired us, that we,* all and every *the said Acts,* Ordinances, and Constitutions, set down and by them unto us exhibited, *would examine;* and *if there should be cause, to allow and approve, and those and every of them to correct and amend* in due and convenient manner and form, if need should so require, as the said recited Act of Parliament requireth.

Ratification by the judges applied for,

We, well perceiving and considering their supplications to be good and acceptable, according to their said petition, and desires, by the authority of the said Act of Parliament, to us in that behalf given, all and every *the said Acts and Ordinances have seen, read, and well understood;* and considered of, and them *and all and every of them examined, corrected, reformed, and so examined, corrected, and reformed, have approved:* all which Acts, Ordinances, and Constitutions,

and obtained.

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so examined, corrected, reformed by us, following in these words:

Acts, Ordinances, and Constitutions by whom made;

ACTS, *Ordinances, and Constitutions, made and ordained by* David Ramsay, Master of the Fellowship of the Art or Mystery of Clock-Making of the city of London; Henry Archer, John Willow, and Sampson Shelton, Wardens of the said Art or Mystery of Clock-Making; and James Vantrollier, John Smith, Francis Foreman, John Harris, Richard Morgan, Samuel Linnaker, John Charleton, John Midnall, Symon Bartrum, and Edward East, Assistants of the said Fellowship, of the said Art or Mystery, *being assembled at a public meeting, the last day of November, in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign lord, Charles,* by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. *for that purpose:* by virtue of letters patents of our said sovereign lord the King, bearing date the two and twentieth day of August, which Acts, Ordinances, and Constitutions, were made and ordained in the presence, and with the advice

in what manner ordained;

(dated Nov. 30, 1631;)

by what authority;

being first publicly read to, and

of divers others of the said Fellowship, to whom the same were then publicly read, and were by them approved, viz.: approved by, the Freemen at a general meeting duly assembled.

I.

IMPRIMIS, where there hath been a long time (as time out of mind), *a great multitude of Clock-Makers* in number, which have wrought *within the* City of London, *liberties and suburbs thereof, although never incorporated, until* it hath of late pleased his Majesty, of his especial grace, by *his highness's letters patents,* bearing date at Westminster, the two and twentieth day of August, *in the said seventh year of his Majesty's reign,* to make them a body corporate and politic, and *thereby ordained* that *of the same Fellowship, there should be* a Master, three Wardens, *and* ten Assistants or more, *wherein is expressed in what manner the said* Master, Wardens, and Assistants, *should be chosen,* as by the said letters patents doth appear *for the better order and rule to be held amongst the said Company here incorporated.*

The first incorporation of Clock-Makers in England, 22d Aug. 1631.

To have a Master, three Wardens, and ten Assistants,

to be chosen conformably to the directions of the Charter.

II.

IT is hereby ordained, that of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *and of the*

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Fellowship and of the Fellows thereof, there shall be a Livery of Company, as is used in other companies within the city of London, for the better service of his Majesty and of the said city. And that the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship; and so many others *of the Fellows* of the said Fellowship, as the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, being assembled, or the more part of them *(whereof the Master and one of the Wardens shall be two)* shall elect from time to time, shall be of the said Livery. And that every person of the said Fellowship chosen into the said Livery, shall accept and take upon him to be of the said Livery, and shall within fourteen days after notice of such election, take such oath as by these ordinances shall be appointed for him.

To have a livery of company.

who shall be of the livery, and by whom they shall be chosen;

every person chosen shall take the clothing and the oaths within fourteen days.

III.

Item, it is ordained, that upon the first Monday of every month, and that day fortnight, shall be *the usual and ordinary days of assemblies for the* Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this Fellowship, and upon every of these days a court to be held at the hall *or other meeting-place of the said* Company, *for view and correction of such things as to the same Art or Mystery pertaineth*, and other

Courts to be holden the first Monday in every month, and that day fortnight,

at the hall or other meeting place of the company.

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the affairs and business of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship. And *if occasion do require*, then such court or assembly *to be oftener*, and at such times as by the *Master and Wardens* of the said Company shall be thought fit and caused to be summoned.

Master and Wardens may summon other courts as occasion may require.

PROVIDED always, that if any such Monday shall happen to be the feast of All Saints, the feast of the Birth of Christ, the feast of the Circumcision, the feast of the Epiphany, or the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: then such assembly shall be the day next following.

In case the said courts should fall on certain holidays, the court to be held on the next day.

IV.

ITEM, there shall also be a general assembly or court of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants and Fellowship of the said Company, four times in every year, which shall be called quarter-day courts, which shall be in every year, one of them upon *the first Monday* sennight after annunciation of the blessed lady St. Mary the Virgin; *the second quarter-day* upon the first Monday sennight next, and immediately after the feast of St. John Baptist; *the third quarter-day* upon the first Monday sennight next, and immediately ensuing the feast of St. Michael Archangel, *and the fourth quarter-day* upon the Monday

A general assembly of the whole company to be held four times in every year;

on what days

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to be kept within the city of London; between the hours of nine in the forenoon, and three in the afternoon.

next and immediately ensuing after the feast of the Epiphany, between *the hours of nine in the forenoon and three in the afternoon* of the same days: All their said courts to be kept at their common hall, or other convenient meeting place of the said company *within the city of London.*

V.

Quarterage to be paid by every member, and other persons using any branch of the incorporated arts, *other than servants,*

ITEM, that *in every of the said quarter-days,* or quarter courts, every person of the said Fellowship or Incorporation, and every person of the said Fellowship or otherwise, using, selling, buying, importing, exporting, or any way trading in clocks, watches, 'larums, sundials, casemaking, graving, mathematical-instruments-making, in any nature, condition, or material whatsoever, by piecemeal, wholesale, or retail, or by way of merchandizing, under the government of this Company, (*other than servants,*) shall then and there satisfy and *pay for* quarteridge, *twelve-penee* in money *in every quarter*, to the hands of the Master of the said Company for the time being, for the common use of the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, as by every fellow of the said Company ought to be done.

by whom to be received.

VI.

Fines for default of appearance

ITEM, that *every person* of the said Fellowship *making default of appearance,* after

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reasonable summons and warning to him or them given, to be at the said *court or meetings, or any of them*, at any time, *shall* so often forfeit as ensueth: (*viz.*) The Master, *or any of the* Wardens, not appearing there by the hour appointed, having no reasonable excuse, the Master *to forfeit and pay one shilling and six-pence*, and the Wardens *and* Assistants *each of them twelve-pence*. And *not coming at all* to the said court, *(having no lawful excuse), or departing without licence before the court be ended*, the Master *to pay six shillings eight-pence*, and the Wardens and Assistants *each of them five shillings*, every other member of the said Company or Fellowship, or person under their government as aforesaid, summoned or warned according to the nature of the court or meeting, and *not appearing* there by the hour appointed (except he can shew some lawful impediment, such as the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or the most part of them shall allow of), *shall forfeit six-pence*, and *not coming at all* to the said court, *or departing thence* without licence *before the court be ended, shall forfeit three shillings four-pence*. And if the *Master*, or any of the *Wardens*, or any of the *Assistants*, or any of the *Livery* of the said Company shall repair to any of the sai dcourts or meet-

when summoned to attend courts.

The Master not appearing at the hour appointed, to forfeit 1*s.* 6*d.*

the Wardens and Assistants 1*s.*

the Master not coming at all, or departing without licence, to forfeit 6*s.* 8*d.*

the Wardens and Assistants 5*s.*

every other member not appearing in time, to forfeit 6*d.* and not appearing at all, to forfeit 3*s.* 4*d.*

No officer, nor any of the livery, shall appear in court without his gown,

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under penalty of twelve-pence; every person not then paying his quarterage, shall forfeit 13*s.* 4*d.*

ings *without his livery gown*, or being otherwise indecently attired, he *shall forfeit for every such time, and so often as he shall offend, twelve-pence.* And *every person* under the government of this incorporation, denying, *refusing or neglecting to pay his* quarterage, or any other right or duties to be as aforesaid paid and answered *at any the said quarter days* or quarter courts, for every such default *shall forfeit thirteen shillings four-pence.* Except *the same be* moderated and *dispensed with, by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Company, in the same or the next assembly.

VII.

Members of the Fellowship summoned upon any public occasion, by horse or foot, to attend under penalty of 20*s.*

ITEM, *if* for attendance upon the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, at his or their repair, to or towards the city of London, or for other reasonable or just occasion or consideration, *any of the Assistants or Livery* of the said Company, *or other of the said Company* or Fellowship, *shall be* by the Master and Wardens *appointed to any reasonable or convenient service* or attendance, in livery or otherwise, by horse or foot; *and* upon warning thereof, *shall not attend*, and in good sort provide attire and furnish himself, *and perform* and do *accordingly* what he shall be so

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appointed, he shall for every such default and neglect, *forfeit the sum of twenty shillings:* except he shall make and have allowed unto him in like sort as aforesaid, some reasonable matter of excuse.

VIII.

ITEM, *that if request* at any time shall be made, by the Master and Wardens of the said Company, *to have those of the livery* of the said Company *to accompany to the grave* within the circuit of London, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or within three miles compass of the same, *the dead corpse of any one of the livery* of the said Fellowship or Company *deceased*, or of his wife, at the time of the funeral of such man or woman, then the said Master and Wardens (if they shall think it fit) shall cause a warning of all those of the said livery accordingly; and *every one of the said livery shall*, upon reasonable warning, *attend* with his livery at the time and place appointed, *upon pain of ten shillings* by every particular person of the said livery, who shall make default *upon* such warning, so often as he shall make *default* to attend (except he shall make and have admitted some reasonable excuse for his absence).

Members of the Livery (on request) to attend the dead body of a Liveryman, or his wife, to the grave, within three miles of London, under penalty of 10*s*.

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IX.

Three of the Assistants to be chosen, to take bond of the new Master and Wardens, previous to their election;

ITEM, that *at* such Yearly assemblies as shall be held *for the choice of Master and Wardens* for the year next ensuing, *there shall be chosen* at that court, *before the election of the new Master and Wardens*, three other fit persons of the said Assistants *to take obligation of the Master and Wardens that be newly chosen*. And that none nominated and agreed upon to be the *new Master*, or any of the *new Wardens*, for the year following, shall be admitted or sworn, until each of them *shall* have *become bound* by a several obligation in the sum of fifty pounds (or more or less according to the discretion of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or the greater part of them, as cause shall require) *unto the said three Assistants, with two sufficient sureties,* who shall then be none of the Assistants of the said Company, that he shall so use, employ, and dispose all, every, and any such sum and sums of money, rents, plate, and other things of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, which he shall receive and be possessed of, or shall any way come to his hands or custody, in the time of his being Master or Warden, as shall be orderly directed or appointed by the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of

who shall not be admitted or sworn, until they have severally given bond in two securities,

who shall then be none of the Assistants.

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the same Fellowship from time to time, and not otherwise; and *that* within one month after the determination of his Mastership or Wardenship, by time, death, removal, or otherwise, *he shall make and deliver* to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *a perfect*, true, and full *account of the said money, plate, and other things, to and before such persons*, and at and by such time, *as* by the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants, shall be* for that purpose nominated and *appointed;* and after such account so made, *whatsoever remain* shall be found in his hands or custody belonging to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *he shall without diminution*, covin, or delay, *deliver* over the same at such time and place, and to such person and persons *to the use of the said* Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, as by the *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship shall be appointed; and after such account and delivery made, the said bond shall be re-delivered to them that shall be so bound respectively to be cancelled.

Accounts to be rendered within one month after expiration of their office, to the auditors appointed,

and the balance, &c. to be delivered up to such persons who shall be appointed,

on true account rendered and balance, &c. paid, the bonds to be given up to be cancelled.

X.

ITEM, it is further ordained, that *if any Person*, Freeman of the said Company, which shall be chosen Master or Wardens *of the*

Any freeman refusing to take the offices of Master and Wardens, or

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to give bond, or to take the oaths,

said Company, shall upon notice thereof deny, *refuse,* or neglect to take *the same office* upon him; or *to become bound* as aforesaid; or *to take such corporal oath* as by these ordinances or by any other hereafter, shall be lawful and lawfully appointed, approved, or allowed, then for every time so offending, be

shall forfeit 10*l.*

shall *forfeit the sum of ten pounds,* to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship; and then after *there shall be* proceeding

and proceed to a new election.

to *a new* nomination or *choice* of any other *in his place,* in like sort, as shall be done when any Master or Warden shall decease in the time of his said office, or as if such person had never been so elected and chosen, and that like *forfeiture and proceeding* shall run and be upon every such person of the said Fellowship *being chosen of the said* Assistants, after he is so chosen to take such oath as by these ordinances, or any other

every person chosen an Assistant shall pay to the Company 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; clerk 6*s.* 8d; beadle 2*s.* 6*d.*

hereafter shall be lawfully appointed, approved, and allowed; and *every person hereafter chosen to be of the Assistants* since his Majesty's Charter of Incorporation, *shall pay* the sum of *six pounds, thirteen shillings, four-pence,* to the Company, *or more or less* according to the quality, and true propriety and worth of the party, and to the clerk, six

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shillings, eight-pence, and to the beadle, two shillings, six-pence.

XI.

ITEM, *that if* for service of the King's Majesty, his heirs or successors, or of the city of London, or of the proper affairs of the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, or for other reasonable and just consideration, *any taxation or assessment* shall be *by the Master and Wardens* for the time being, or two of them, whereof the Master to be one, *and the Assistants of the Company*, or the greater part of them, be assessed or imposed, and to be rated *upon particular* person and persons, *members* of the said Fellowship; then and so often the same shall be in all things obeyed and performed, according to such orders as shall be by them set down for the collection of the same; and that *every person denying, refusing, or omitting to satisfy and pay such,* and so much of the said *assessment or taxation,* as shall so at any time be rated and assessed upon him or them, *shall forfeit* to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, the sum of *ten shillings, or more or less according to the quality of the said assessment,* for such denial or refusal.

Every member refusing or neglecting to pay any assessment made for the service of the King, the city of London, or this Company, shall forfeit 10*l.*

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XII.

Any member giving blows, or using opprobrious words, on complaint thereof being made within three months,

ITEM, *that no person*, member of this Fellowship, or any other under the government of the said Fellowship, *shall* at any time *revile, give any blows, or opprobrious or scornful speeches or words,* or other acts, to, of, or towards the Master, or any of the Wardens, or other person, member of the said Fellowship, *whereby the King's peace or brotherly love may be broken* or impaired amongst them; and *if any shall offend* in this behalf, *then* if upon complaint of such misbehaviour, any such person shall at an assembly of the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants,* be thereunto called, and shall be found to have so offended, he shall obey, undergo, and perform such reasonable order and sentence, as by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants,* shall be set down concerning the same; *so as Complaint* shall be made *within* the space of *three months;* and if he shall refuse and neglect so to do, then he *shall forfeit* the sum of *forty shillings*, or more or less, according to the quantity or quality of their offence or offences, to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship.

shall forfeit 40*s*.

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XIII.

ITEM, for that *many persons of ill behaviour*, and so known in places where they have dwelt *in the country, and* from other parts and provinces *beyond the seas*, and elsewhere, *do* much *resort to the city of London*, and places near thereabouts; for better discovery of such persons, as for other good purposes, it is ordained *that none* using, or which shall use or occupy within the said city, liberties, and suburbs, or within ten miles thereof, the Art, Mystery, or Trade of Clock-Making, in any kind whatsoever, *shall* receive, *entertain*, employ, *or use* in the Art, Trade, or Mystery of Clock-Making, any *person or persons* whatsoever, except *he shall present every such person* personally by true certificate, both of the certainty of his name, and place of his or their birth or abode, *unto the said Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants*, being assembled, *the next court* day after his or their entertainment; expressing also the time and purpose of his retainer, *to the end the same court may examine*, take view, and notice of *him*, and, *if they shall find him fit to be allowed*, then to enter his or their names, with other certainties, *upon pain of* every fault found to the contrary in *the master* so offending in not

To prevent persons of ill behaviour resorting to London, no Clock-Maker, within ten miles thereof, shall employ any workman without personally presenting him, together with a certificate of his name, birth, &c. &c. for the Company's approval,

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under penalty of 20s. to the poor, and the person employed 2s. 6d.

certifying, *to pay* the sum of *twenty shillings* to the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *to the use of the poor*, and *the party so entertained two shillings six-pence;* but, if he be certified,

but, if approved, to clerk 1s. 6d.; beadle 6d.

then there shall be paid to the clerk for such entrance, one shilling six-pence, and to the beadle six-pence.

XIV.

No person shall take as apprentice, or into his service, any one without the consent of his former master, or by order of the Master Warden, &c. and the same registered,

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person*, or persons, using the Art, Trade, or Mystery of Clock-Making, within the said city, liberties, suburbs, or limits aforesaid, *shall hire, receive, take, or entertain*, to his apprentice, or into his service, *any person* whatsoever, *formerly* apprentice unto or *serving and using the trade* of Clock-Making, *within* any *the limits* aforesaid, *without the consent of his former master*, (if any such be), or by order of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, or the more part of them, and *notice given* with all like certainties *as aforesaid;* to the end the entertainment, passage, honest departure, and setting over of such an apprentice, servant, or servants, may be truly known; with like payment *only to the clerk*, for entrance thereof,

under penalty of 40s. per month until presented.

and *upon pain* that every person offending contrary *to* the true meaning of this article in any thing, shall *pay* for such offence the sum

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of *forty shillings for every month* for his so entertaining any servant contrary to this act, to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship; *and so monthly*, until he make his presentment of the said servant before the *Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants.*

XV.

ITEM, *for the avoiding of confusion* and disorder in the said Fellowship, which may grow and arise *by taking of apprentices* as many in number as they please; and *to the end that journeymen freemen*, having truly served all their time of apprenticeship, *may be* the better *employed* and provided for, it is hereby ordained, that *no person* or persons whatsoever of the said Fellowship hereafter, but such as shall be allowed a master workman, as in these presents is hereafter mentioned, *shall take to* himself *any apprentice* or apprentices, *but first to have leave* and licence of the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants*, (*the which without just cause shall not be denied*) and *then to have but one, until he shall be called to bear office of Master, Warden, or Assistant*, in the said Company, and *after* he shall be so called as aforesaid, *not to exceed* the number of *two apprentices at any time* whatsoever.

To the end that journeymen freemen who have duly served their apprenticeship may be better employed, no person of the Fellowship, except a master workman, shall take any apprentice without leave of the Master, Wardens, &c. & only one until he be chosen Master Warden, or Assistant, and then not to exceed two at the same time;

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NEVERTHELESS, it is thought fit, that any one of the said Fellowship before the said first apprentice shall have so served forth his full term of years for which he became bound an apprentice, that, by virtue hereof, *it shall* and may *be lawful* for every particular master *to bind one other apprentice* at his pleasure *the full term of five years*, and no sooner, *before his* said *former apprentice his time be expired*, by reason that for the present time he shall not be left destitute of an apprentice; *upon forfeiture*, for every time so offending, the sum *of ten pounds*, or more or less, at the discretions of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship.

but when the first apprentice has served five years complete, he may take another, but not sooner, under penalty of 10*l*.

XVI.

ITEM, that *for the better ordering of dissolute and ill-disposed persons*, such as will hardly be brought under the rule of any good government, it is hereby ordained and established, that *what person* or persons soever *free of the said Fellowship*, *or under their government*, now or hereafter using the said trade or mystery of Clock-Making, *shall depart this city and liberties as aforesaid*, *into any* other remote *place within the realm of England*, *shall*, notwithstanding, observe

Freemen following the trade, though removed from London to any part of England, shall still be subject to the laws of this Company,

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the rules and orders, and *be subject to* live under *the government of the* said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, according to the Charter in that behalf granted; and *if default be made* by any such person or persons whatsoever hereafter, that *then* it shall and may be lawful to and for *the* said *Master and Wardens*, according to the tenor of his Majesty's Grant of Incorporation, *to proceed against them* for misdemeanor, *for not doing and performing such duties* as shall be appointed by the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being to be two) *either in themselves, or in* the deceitfulness and *false workmanship* of or *in their trade;* upon their due search and oversight, *by way of fine or otherwise, as if they* yet lived and did *reside within the said city* and liberties aforesaid; which *fine* likewise *to be imposed* by and at the discretion of the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants, according to the quality of his* or their *offence* or offences, to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship.

and may be proceeded against for default of duties, deceitful workmanship, &c. as if they yet resided in the said city,

and fined, at the discretion of the Court.

XVII.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *every apprentice having truly served* his apprenticeship, *and being admitted a Freeman* of the said society, *shall*, according to the custom of

Apprentices who have duly served, and been admitted Freemen, shall serve two years as journeymen,

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other Companies, *serve his Master, or some other of the same Fellowship,* by the space of *two years as journeyman;* and, *at the end of* the same *two years,* it *shall be,* by virtue hereof, *lawful for the* Master, *or* Warden, *or* Wardens, of the said Fellowship, *with, the consent of the* greater part of the Assistants of the said Fellowship, *to call any person* or persons *whatsoever, being a member or professor of the same trade,* before he or they be admitted, or allowed of, to be a lawful master, *to bring in* his or their masterpiece or masterpieces, *which he* or they *shall be appointed to make* by the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* or the major part of them, (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens to be two), what piece, or what manner of a whole or intire piece, he shall make, and where he shall make it, which, *being* by the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* of the said Company or Fellowship, or the more part of them, allowed and *approved of, he shall,* from thenceforth, *be admitted* to be *a work-master* of the said Society, and not before; *for which* said *admittance, he shall pay* to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, the sum of *twenty shillings,* and to the clerk three shillings four-pence, and to the beadle twelve-pence.

and also produce his master-piece before he be admitted a workmaster.

Fines payable on such admission 20*s.*; clerk, 3*s.* 4*d.*; beadle 1*s*

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YET, *if* at any time *after the* time and *expiration of the first year*, *any* journeyman whatsoever *shall make suit unto the Master, Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants, to have* the privilege and *leave to* make and *bring in* his masterpiece, to be allowed of by them at a General Court of Assistants to be by them holden, that *then*, upon such suit made, if *upon his sufficiency* it shall please the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, or the major part of them, upon view of his workmanship, to admit of the same, then *it shall be*, by virtue of these presents, *lawful to admit him* or them accordingly, *upon* such *reasonable fine* or fines as, in the discretions of the *Master, Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, or the major part, shall be thought fit.

Any journeyman, who has served one year, may petition to produce his masterpiece, and, if approved, be admitted a workmaster, on payment of a fine at the discretion of the Court.

XVIII.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person* or persons whatsoever using, or *that* shall use, the Trade, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making; and *hath* or shall have *any apprentice* or more *once bound*, and presented to the Master or Wardens of the said Company, by him *or* them allowed, *shall*, at any time after, *assign, set, or turn over* any *such apprentice* to any person or persons whatsoever, *without* first *presenting* him *to the Master and Wardens* of

No apprentice to be assigned or turned over to a new master without consent of the Court,

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the said Company for the time being, to the end their consents may be thereunto required, upon pain to *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for every act done to the contrary, the sum of *forty shillings*, and to the clerk three shillings four-pence, and to the beadle twelve-pence.

under penalty of 40*s.*; clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*; beadle 1*s.*

XIX.

No person to use the trade, or any part thereof, (as enumerated) but who shall have served seven years as an apprentice, (Clock-makers' widows, so long only as they shall remain widows, excepted)

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person* or persons whatsoever, *which* hereafter *shall not have served seven years* at the least as an *apprentice* to the said Trade, Art, or Mystery of a Clock-Maker, Mathematical Instrument-Maker, Sun-Dial-Maker, Graver, Case-Maker, or any thing otherwise peculiarly belonging to the same trade, *(unless such as be the Clock-Makers' widows of the city of London, and of the said several arts and professions as aforesaid: and for so long time only as they shall so continue widows,) shall use the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery of a Clock-Maker, *or any thing thereunto appertaining*, as his Trade, Art, or Mystery; nor *shall*, within the city of London, or liberties thereof, *teach or instruct any person* or persons *other than his apprentice* or apprentices, *in the same Trade* or Mystery, *upon* pain to *forfeit* to the said Master and Wardens and Fellowship,

nor teach any other than his own apprentice,

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for every month he or they shall so use the said Trade as a Trade, or teach or instruct any person or persons other than his or their apprentice or apprentices, in the said Trade, the sum of *forty shillings*, and to the clerk three shillings four-pence, and to the beadle twelve-pence.

under penalty of 40*s.* per month; clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*; beadle 1*s.*

XX.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no Freeman* of the said Company *using the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery, *do keep in his service*, to work in and about the said Trade or Mystery, *any foreigners*, alien or English, *not being free of the said Company* of Clock-Makers, *or bound* as an *apprentice thereunto*, unless he be (at the next court after *he shall be* first received into the said service,) *presented* unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, *and* be by them *allowed*, upon pain to *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for every time so doing, the sum of *forty shillings*, and to the clerk three shillings four-pence, and to the beadle twelve-pence.

No foreigner shall be employed by any Freeman unless presented to and approved by the Court,

under penalty 40*s.*; Clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*; beadle 1*s.*

XXI.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no Freeman* of the said Company of Clock-Makers, *or any person* or Persons *using the Trade*, Art, or Mystery

No person shall be employed as a journeyman who has not

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been brought up or served seven years to the trade,

of a Clock-Maker, shall *set at work, keep, or maintain, any foreigner or journeyman*, not being admitted into the freedom of the said Company, *or not* being or *having been retained, brought up, or bound seven years to the same Trade*, Art, or Mystery, *to work* as a journeyman or servant in any shop, shops, chamber, or any other place or places, either public or private, *within the said city, or liberties thereof*, upon pain to *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *for every day* so doing, *ten shillings*, and to the clerk one shilling six-pence, and to the beadle four-pence.

under penalty 10*s.* per day; clerk 1*s.* 6*d.*; beadle 4*d.*

XXII.

Apprentices to be presented to and approved by the Court within one month,

ITEM, it is also ordained, that *every person*, Freeman of the said Company of Clock-Makers, using, or *which shall use the Trade*, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making *within the said city, or within ten miles compass* of the same, *shall, within one month after he* or they *take any apprentice* to serve him in the said Trade, Art, or Mystery, *present the same apprentice* or apprentices *unto the said Master, Wardens*, and *Court of Assistants*, of the said Company, *to the end that they may admit and allow such apprentice* to serve such freeman or foreigner, *upon* pain to *forfeit* to the said

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Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, *for every month* so offending, *three shillings four-pence;* and to the clerk for entering the said presentment, twelve-pence.

under penalty 3*s.* 4*d.* per month; clerk 1*s.*

AND that *no denison or foreigner* using the said Trade, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making within the said city, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or within ten miles compass of the same, *shall take any apprentice* or apprentices, *servant or servants, not born within his Majesty's dominions, to work in or about the same Trade*, Art, or Mystery, and, *if any, alien or others, shall do contrary* to this ordinance, or any thing therein contained, he shall *forfeit* and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for the use of the Company, the sum of *five pounds* lawful money of England, and to the clerk six shillings eight-pence, and to the beadle one shilling six-pence.

No alien shall take as an apprentice or journeyman any one born out of his Majesty's dominions,

under penalty 5*l.*; clerk 6*s.* 8*d.*; beadle 1*s.* 6*d.*

XXIII.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no journeyman* that is or shall be hired to work to or with any brother of the Company, *shall depart from the Master with whom he* or they *shall be hired*,

No journeyman shall depart from his master's service

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except he or they give his or their said Master *three months warning* at the least, of his or their intention to depart from his or their said Master. And that *no Master* or brother of the said Company *shall* hereafter *turn* or put *away any such journeyman*, except *he* or they *give his* or their said *journeyman three months warning* at the least; and that *no Master* or Brother of the Company *having* knowledge or *notice of any journeyman departing without consent* as aforesaid, *shall* hereafter *entertain* into his or their work or service *any such journeyman* that shall so depart, *without such warning* to be given to him as aforesaid, *upon* pain to *forfeit* and pay for his and their offence therein *five pounds* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company.

without giving three months warning;

nor shall any Master turn away any journeyman without the like warning.

No Master shall employ any journeyman who has left his former service without such warning,

under penalty 5*l.*

And that *no Brother* of the said Company *using the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, *shall* hereafter *set at work*, or employ *any journeyman that is not admitted a Brother* of the Company, *upon* pain to *forfeit* to the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship*, *for every week* he or they do the contrary, the sum of *six shillings eight-pence*, to the clerk for entering such departure twelve-pence, and to the beadle four-pence.

No Brother shall employ any journeyman who has not been admitted a Brother,

under penalty 6*s.* 8*d.* per week; clerk 1*s.*; beadle 4*d.*

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XXIV.

ITEM, it is ordained, that no person *shall* hereafter *be admitted a journeyman*, or otherwise, to use the Trade, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, *unless he shall bring true testimony of his* true service of *apprenticeship*, and *every* such *journeyman shall be hired for one whole year*, or for a longer or shorter time, and *make trial of his workmanship* by the space of fourteen days, and such trial being made, *then* the said journeyman *shall be presented before the Master and Wardens* of the same Company, and *shall not depart* from his Master *without especial licence* obtained, *upon such penalty as shall be thought fitting* by a Court of Assistants, or *else upon three months' warning* to be orderly given as aforesaid; and that *every such journeyman* received into the said Company *shall work only with* such as are *free Brothers* admitted of the said Company, and with no other person or persons whatsoever; and whosoever shall do *contrary* to this ordinance, shall *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for every offence, to the use of the said Company, the sum of *twenty shillings* a week, and for such entry to the clerk, by every particular party, twelve-pence.

No journeyman shall be admitted unless he has duly served an apprenticeship, then shall be hired for a fixed time, and after trial of 14 days

shall be presented to the Master and Wardens,

shall not quit his employer without especial licence or three months warning, under a penalty;

journeymen only to work with freemen,

under penalty of 20*s.* per week; clerk 1*s.*

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XXV.

No person shall teach any that have not been admitted,

ITEM, it is ordained, that no person *shall teach* or instruct *in the Art* of Clock-Making *any other person* or persons whatsoever, *not being presented or admitted into the said Company*, upon pain to *forfeit* and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, the sum of *five pounds* of lawful money of England, *for every month* so offending, and to the clerk for every such month twelve-pence, and to the beadle four-pence.

under penalty 5*l.* per month; clerk 1*s.* ditto; beadle 4*d.*

XXVI.

No person shall take as apprentice or teach the son of a freeman, under penalty of 40*s.*

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person using the said trade* of Clock-Making *shall take* as his *apprentice the son of any which is free of the said Company, or* shall *teach* or instruct *any such freeman's son* in the said Art, except *the said son be his own*, upon pain to *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the same Company, *forty shillings for taking* such apprentice, *and forty shillings for every month he shall keep and instruct him* (except the said freeman's son shall be *first presented to the said Company* before he shall be taught and instructed), and to the clerk such fine as the Company shall think fit.

and also 40*s.* per month, (unless he shall be first presented to the Court); to the clerk at discretion.

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XXVII.

ITEM, it is ordained, *that no Brother* of the Company *shall receive into work any* manner of journeyman *Clock-Maker without* a *certificate* of his departure *from his former master*, upon pain to *forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, *thirteen shillings four-pence* for every such offence, to the clerk two shillings six-pence, and to the beadle four-pence.

No journeyman shall be hired without a certificate from his late master, under penalty 13*s.* 4*d.*; clerk 2*s.* 6d; beadle 4*d.*

XXVIII.

ITEM, it is ordained, *that* what person of this Company that taketh any apprentice or *apprentices* into his service, after the custom of London, and causeth not him or them, *within one month* after the beginning of the term of such an apprentice, to *be* inrolled *before the* Chamberlain of the said city, shall *forfeit* and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, *six shillings eight-pence*, without remission or pardon, to the clerk *twelve-pence*, and to the beadle *four-pence*.

Every apprentice shall be enrolled within the first month, under penalty 6*s.* 8*d*; clerk 1*s.*; beadle 4*d.*

XXIX.

ITEM, it is ordained, that those *persons that shall view and make* search for frauds and deceits *in the said trade* as aforesaid, *shall*

Persons making search for frauds, &c.

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shall also enquire respecting disorders and abuses, and report such to the next Court, who shall fine the party 40*s.* and to the clerk at discretion.

make diligent search and inquiry of all disorders and inconveniences used in the said art of Clock-Making. And *all such disorders and abuses* as they shall find, they *shall* justly and truly *present to the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants* of the said Company, at the next Court of Assistants after the discovery or finding thereof; and *such person* or persons *as shall commit any such disorder*, shall *forfeit* and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, the sum of *forty shillings*, or such lesser sum as shall be imposed by the discretions of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Company; and such fee to the clerk as they shall think fit.

XXX.

Every freeman within the city and liberties, shall be warned to attend at the quarter-day Courts,

ITEM, it is ordained, that every person or persons, being free of the said Company, *or using the Trade*, Art, or Mystery of a Clock-Maker, *within the city of London, or the liberties thereof*, shall by the beadle, or some other known officer of the said Company, *be* warned to appear *once every quarter of a year*, (that is to say) upon the first Monday se'nnight after every of the quarter days, (as they are formerly ordained and appointed) *before the Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Company of Clock-Makers, *or the greater*

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number of them, there *to hear read such good fitting and wholesome orders as are or shall be made for the bettering of the said trade, and suppressing of enormities and abuses therein;* and that *if any* such *person being summoned as aforesaid, or notice thereof left at his or their dwelling-houses,* or other places of abode, *he being at home,* do *make default and be absent from any the Quarterly Meetings* aforesaid, and cannot nor will not shew, (or otherwise prove), to the Master and Wardens for the time being, some lawful impediment or lett, which was the cause of his absence; or if *any freeman* of the said Company, *or any person* or persons *using the said Trade,* Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, *or any thing thereunto pertaining,* and *being warned before the said Master, Wardens,* and *Court of Assistants, either against a Monthly Court* (as aforesaid,) *or upon any other occasion, shall not,* at the place and time appointed, *appear* there to remain and abide, unless he be by the Master and Wardens, or some of them discharged, not having such lawful excuse as aforesaid; that *then* every person and persons so offending shall *forfeit* and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for every such offence, *two shil-*

and being absent therefrom without reasonable cause,

as also every person using the Art not appearing whenever summoned, shall forfeit 2*s.* 6*d.*; clerk 6*d.*

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lings, six-pence, and to the clerk for entering such default, *six-pence*.

XXXI.

Every Freeman or person using the Art within ten miles of the city, and obstinately refusing to attend and perform reasonable service,

ITEM, it is ordained, that if any person or persons, *free of the said Company of* Clock-Makers, *or using the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery, within the said city or liberties, or within ten miles compass of the same, *being specially required* thereunto, *shall* obstinately and wilfully *refuse to appear or meet at any place appointed by the* Master *and* Wardens for the time being, or *to pay* or bear *any sum* or sums of *money, or any other common charges* whatsoever, for or to the King's Majesty, Lord Mayor, or city of London, or for the Commonwealth, or worship of the said Company, or *to do* or perform *any public service*, meet or decent to be performed or done as aforesaid, *within the same Company*, or by any members of the same: that *then every person* and persons, *being free of the said* Company of Clock-Makers, so refusing to do or perform all or any those things, *shall forfeit* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for such refusal, the sum of *forty shillings*, and to the clerk three shillings, four-pence.

shall forfeit 40*s.*; clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*

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XXXII.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person* of the said Company *shall discover or disclose* any of *the lawful secrets concerning the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, in their own occupation, or *any secret counsel of the* said *Company*, which ought in reason and conscience secretly to be kept, without any utterance thereof, to any other person, of another Mystery, and out of the same Company, to the hurt and prejudice of this Company, *upon* the penalty and *forfeiture of forty shillings*, to be paid to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, and to the clerk three shillings four-pence, and to the beadle twelve-pence, for every time so offending.

Any person of the Company, who shall disclose to any person of another mystery, any secret counsel,

shall forfeit 40*s.*; clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*; beadle 1*s.*

XXXIII.

ALSO, it is ordained, that *every man of the said Company using the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, from this time forthwards, *after his degree and power, shall be contributary and bear charge of, and in, all manner of Sessings, Prests, Costs, Contributions, Impositions, and all other charges appertaining to the worship, benefit, and credit, of the said Company:* upon the pain of *forfeiture* of *forty shillings*, to be paid to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, for every

Every man of the Company shall be contributary to all just charges, or forfeit 40*s.*; clerk 3*s.* 4*d.*

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such offence, and to the clerk three shillings four-pence.

All persons whatsoever using the Art, shall obey all rules and ordinances;

And that all and *every person* and persons, *as well strangers, denizens, foreigners, and others* whatsoever, *free of the said Company, or using the said Trade,* Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, or any thing thereunto appertaining or belonging *within the said city and liberties* thereof, *shall obey*, observe, and keep *all the lawful orders, rules, and ordinances, made and written in this present Book;* and *if any person* or persons *shall offend or transgress any of the same orders, rules, and ordinances, or refuse to pay such penalties and forfeitures* as are here set down for the breach thereof; that then it shall and may be lawful to and for the same Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, *by their officer or lawful attorney* to distrain, and the distress and distresses so from time to time taken, to lead, drive, carry, or bear away, and the same to keep and detain *to the use of the* Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, of the said Company, *until the said penalties, forfeitures, fines, or sums of money for which the said distress so be taken shall be fully satisfied and paid,* with *caution and provision,* notwithstanding, that *if the* party, *owner of these goods* and chattels

and if any transgress or refuse to pay the penalties, the Company may distrain, and detain the same

until the fines or forfeitures shall be paid;

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so taken and *distrained* as aforesaid, *shall* within fourteen days next after such taking and distress, *satisfy or pay* to the Master or one of the Wardens, to the use of the said Fellowship, *such duties, rights, and sums of money for which the said distress was so taken,* then *he* or they *shall have* to him or *them restored* all the goods and chattels so taken and distrained for all and every the pains, penalties, forfeitures, sum and sums of money so forfeited, or to bring an action of debt for recovery thereof.

if paid within fourteen days, the goods distrained to be restored.

XXXIV.

ITEM, it is also ordained, that all Clocks, Watches, Larums, *and all Cases for Clocks, Watches, and Larums, plain or graven, made of metals or of any other nature, condition, or fashion whatsoever, or any other* work or works, *as Sun-Dials, Mathematical-Instruments, or any other work peculiarly* belonging to the Art of Clock-Making, be it for great or small, brought *into* this realm of *England, or* dominion of *Wales, or from the parts beyond the seas, to be put to sale, shall be* first customed, and *then brought to the* hall *of the said* Clock-Makers in London, or their meeting place, and *there presented to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, to be viewed*

All Clocks, Watches, and Cases for the same, and sundry other articles enumerated, imported,

shall be first customed, and then brought to be viewed, and if approved, re-

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and approved of according to the said Letters-patents of Incorporation; and *upon* the *approbation* of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or the greater part of them, *shall*, according to the usual custom of the said Company in such cases, *receive* the mark and allowance of the said Company, *before the same be offered or put to sale, upon* pain of *such* reasonable *penalties as* by *the* said *Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants*, or the more part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being to be two) *shall* in such cases *appoint* and ordain.

ceive the mark of the Company, before the same shall be offered for sale, under penalties which shall be appointed.

XXXV.

ITEM, it is also hereby ordained, that the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of Clock-Makers of London, for the time being, and their successors, *in respect of their* said extraordinary *care and pains*, which shall from time to time be taken, *in the viewing, search, and oversight of all such Clocks, Watches, Larums, Sun-Dials, and Mathematical-Instruments coming from beyond the seas, or otherwise, either by themselves, or* such other person or persons, *their lawful deputy* or deputies, as shall be *appointed for the same*, to receive of every such person and persons,

The Company shall receive 4*d.* in the pound sterling, for their care and trouble in viewing and marking all work and wares peculiarly belonging to their trade.

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according to the worth and value of all such as shall be so found as aforesaid, or in any other work or *wares* by way of merchandizing, *peculiarly belonging to the same trade*, how many or few, and of what nature, kind, or property, soever they be, either for quantity or number *in every pound sterling, the sum of four-pence, for* the correcting and *viewing* the insufficiency of the said work, and for *marking and allowing the same* to be good, sufficient, and merchantable.

XXXVI.

AND it is ordained, *that the Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Company of Clock-Makers, or the major part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being to be two) if they shall think fit to call *together with* them, for their better strength, *a constable*, headborough, *or some other, his Majesty's chief officer* or officers, who, together with the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or some of them, *shall shut up the shops of all such person and persons* whatsoever, *either free or foreign, that shall or will attempt to take any apprentice, or to work* in any shop, chamber, or other place or places whatsoever, privileged

The Master, Wardens, &c. with a constable, may shut up the shop of any person who shall take any apprentice, or who shall work in any place whatsoever, he himself not having served seven years

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with a professed Clock-Maker within the King's dominions, or who shall not have made his master-piece.

or not privileged, exempt or not exempt, *he himself having not served*, with a professed Clock-Maker, the full term and time of *seven years* within his Majesty's dominions, according to the several statutes and laws in that case made and provided, *and* having likewise *not* formerly *made his allowed master-piece.*

XXXVII.

Every person whatever using the trade, and taking any apprentice, shall bind him to some free brother of this Company,

ITEM, it is ordained, that *if any person* or persons, hereafter *professing the Trade*, Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, *and being free of that Company, or of any other Company* whatsoever, within the city of London, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or the limits hereby proposed, and *shall take* unto him or them *an apprentice* for the term of seven years, or otherwise, according to the custom of the said city; and *shall not bind him or* them to *some free brother of* this Company, according to the letters-patent of incorporation granted to this Society, *to the end the same brotherhood in time may become an able body of itself, without the disturbance of any other society or government*, he shall *forfeit* the sum of *ten pounds* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the said Company's use.

under penalty of ten pounds.

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XXXVIII.

ITEM, it is ordained, that if any person or persons, alien or stranger whatsoever, *coming from beyond the seas or otherwise*, shall work in a shop, chamber, cellar, warehouse, or any other place or places whatsoever, either exempt or not exempt within the city of London, liberties, or suburbs thereof, or within ten miles *compass, and being not conformable*, and yielding obedience, in all due respects, to *the government of this society*, and his Majesty's aforesaid letters of incorporation; that then it shall be lawful for the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or their lawful deputy or deputies in that behalf, in such case *to seize, and take into their hands*, on his Majesty's behalf, *all such working-tools, or other materials* whatsoever, as often as cause shall require, *and them detain*, and keep, *until he* or they, or any of them, *shall be conformable* herein, and likewise pay such fine or fines as shall from time to time be imposed upon him or them by a court of Assistants, in that behalf.

Any alien who shall work in any place whatsoever within ten miles of the city, and not yielding obedience to this Company, may have his tools and materials seized and detained by the Master, Wardens, &c. until compliance and payment of fines imposed.

XXXIX.

ITEM, it is ordained, *where many* journeymen and others are from time to time set at

Any journeymen hired and receiving

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money before hand, or

work by several workmen, admitted into this Society, which upon their first entertainments, and afterwards in their several services, in respect of their wants and necessities, and other pretended employments, they *have obtained* several sum or *sums of money of* those *several masters* they do or have so wrought unto, before any part of the same be by his workmanship earned, *and before the same be wrought out, go from their several workmasters to others of the same trade*, supplying only their wants and necessities, and *very dishonestly:*

quitting their employers service without completing their work;

and the same being known by the second master he shall immediately dismiss such workman, under penalty of paying the debt due to the former master, and such other fine as shall be imposed by the Master, Wardens, &c.

Be it therefore ordained, that *if any master* workman of this Society shall at any time hereafter, (*after notice given by the said former workmaster,*) *set any such workman or journeyman at work*, in any manner of work whatsoever, peculiarly belonging to the same trade, *either at home or abroad*, in any place or places whatsoever, but *presently disemploy the same man*, and take away such work from him, if any such delivery were, *to the intent the said former master, which so trusted him* and was so deceitfully dealt withal, *may be fully satisfied, he shall forfeit, besides the full debt of arrearage due to the former workmaster, such other fine and penalty* to

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the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, *as shall be adjudged by the Master, Wardens, and full Court of Assistants.*

XL.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *if any suit, controversy*, disagreement, discord, *or falling out, by or between any brothers or freemen* of the said Company, *happen* to arise, grow, or be between or amongst any of them, *other than debt or in point of interest or property*, that *then each* suit, disagreement, *controversy, and falling out, shall be made known to the* Master *and* Wardens of the said Company, or the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* of the said Company, for the time being, *before* such time as *suit in law be commenced* and begun by and *between them*, upon pain to *forfeit* for every one wilfully refusing, or contemning this order, the sum of *forty shillings, to the end that the Master and Wardens may endeavour to make peace and love between them, and thereby prevent suits in law, if it so may be.*

Master and Wardens, &c. to arbitrate any disputes which may arise amongst the freemen,

who wilfully contemning the award made, shall forfeit 40s.

XLI.

ITEM, it is also ordered, that *if* it happen the Assistants of the said Company *be sent*

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The Master, one Warden, and six Assistants, at the least, must be present to form a court;

for by the Master *and* Wardens, *for matters and causes, and other things concerning* the common profit *of the same,* then it is ordained, they shall have and take *six Assistants,* besides the *Master and one of the Wardens at the least,* for the redressing and ordering of such matters, causes, and doubts, as before them shall be alleged and shewed; and also it is ordained, *that* no grant or gift pass under their common seal, for term of years or term of life, *to any person* or persons, nor judgment, nor sentence, pass *under the same seal,* without it be done in open court, where the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, *according to the number aforesaid,* shall be present, *or the more part of them,* and consenting to the same, upon pain of every particular man so offending to *forfeit ten pounds* to the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship, as often and when as such case shall happen, *besides the disannulling of the said act or deed,* and the same pain to be levied of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants doing the contrary, to the use of the said Company.

No act, &c. under seal, to pass but in open court, under penalty of 10*l.* for every particular person so offending, and the acts or deeds declared null and void.

XLII.

ITEM, *to the intent enormities and abuses in the trade* aforesaid *may be* the better *found*

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out and reformed, it is further ordered, that it shall and may be lawful to and for *the Master and Wardens* of the same Company, for the time being, *or two of them,* as also to and for such other person and persons whom they shall bring with them, or in that behalf any wise authorize or appoint, and will answer for, *at all convenient time* and times hereafter, *to enter and come into the house, shop, warehouse, or working-house,* sellars, sollars, or other place or places, *of any person* or persons whatsoever, *using or exercising, or which shall use or exercise the Trade,* Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, within the city of London, liberties, and suburbs thereof, or within ten miles compass of the same, *to search, survey, and view the making or working of any* wares or merchandizes, or other *works belonging to the Trade,* Art, or Mystery of Clock-Making, *without the hindrance* or interruption *of such person* or persons to whom the said shops, warehouses, workhouses, or rooms aforesaid, do appertain, *and all things found* by them *deceitfully and insufficiently wrought, to take,* carry away, and after sufficient trial to deface, and that *every one refusing and hindering such view and search* to be made as aforesaid, shall *forfeit* and pay to the said Master,

For the better finding out and reforming abuses in the trade, the Master and Wardens or their Deputy may enter any house, &c. within ten miles of the city, and search for and survey the working and making, and seize, carry away, and deface all wares deceitfully wrought, every one hindering such search to forfeit 5*l.*

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Wardens, and Fellowship, to the use of the said Company, the sum of *five pounds*.

XLIII.

No freeman shall quit this Company to enter another under penalty of 20*l*. unless he be elected to some chief office in the city.

ITEM, it is ordained, that *no person* whatsoever, being once made free of the said Art or Mystery, *shall without licence* of the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants* of the said Company for the time being, or the greater part of them, *change or leave his Company to be free of another* Fellowship or Company, upon pain of *forfeiture* of *twenty pounds*, except he change his copy by reason of his election into any head or chief office in London.

XLIV.

Disorderly and incorrigible apprentices to be brought before the Master, Wardens, &c. and on proof to receive condign punishment;

ITEM, that *if any apprentice shall misbehave himself towards his master* or mistress, or that he shall be of a rude behaviour, that the persuasion or reasonable correction of his master or mistress will not cause him to reform his misbehaviour, or if he shall be any drunkard, haunter of taverns, ale-houses, bowling-alleys, or other lewd suspected places, or evil company, or houses where unlawful games shall be used, or gamester, dicer, or runneraway, or shall be out of his master or mistress's house without his or her privity, or shall be an enticer of other men's servants to

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the like; he shall be brought to the hall of the said Company by his said master or mistress, and there these or such like notorious faults justly proved against him, at or before the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants, the party so offending shall receive such condign punishment as shall be reasonable and suitable to his offence,* by corporal penance, or otherwise, in presence of the Master or some of the Wardens, and six of the Assistants of the Company, at the least, and for any his *second offence*, or oftener offending, being proved, as aforesaid, he shall be punished in like sort as aforesaid, and it shall be and rest in the power of the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, to order and publish him disabled, and he shall from thenceforth stand, and for ever be disabled and barred to demand, enjoy, or have his freedom of this Society; or *if any serving* Journeyman, or hired servant, *shall offend in any the like kinds* and degrees aforesaid, and the same being proved against him at a Court of Assistants, in like sort aforesaid, *he shall satisfy* and undergo *such reasonable pecuniary penalties* as by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants* shall be imposed on him; and *if he shall refuse* or omit to satisfy the same, he shall be and stand, (if by the said *Master,*

for second offence the like punishment, and may be declared disabled to have his freedom,

any journeyman or servant who shall so offend, shall undergo such pecuniary penalties as shall be imposed on him, which if he refuse to pay, he shall be debarred from working at the trade.

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Wardens, and Assistants, he shall be so ordered,) for ever after *dismissed* and debarred *from* using and working at *the trade* of Clock-Making.

XLV.

Master and Wardens, &c. may search for and seize insufficient and deceitful work made or exposed to sale, and break the same, unless the maker submit to pay the fine imposed, and give security that it shall be amended and again viewed and altered previous to sale, otherwise it shall be broken.

ITEM, it is ordained, if upon search hereafter made by the *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, or any of them at any time, by virtue of his Majesty's charter, *any insufficient or deceitful* Clocks, Watches, Larums, or other *works to the said Trade*, Art, or Mystery, *belonging*, be made or put to sale shall be *found;* then it shall be lawful for *the Master, Wardens, and Assistants to seize upon them, and* after sufficient trial of the said insufficiencies or deceits, *to break such* Clocks, Watches, or Larums, or other *work* thereto appertaining, if *the party* so offending *shall not* desire to be admitted to *pay a reasonable fine* by the said *Master, Wardens, and Assistants*, to be made and rateably assessed, which they shall admit of *on that behalf;* so in such case, *that no such Clock, Watch, Larum, or other work* thereto pertaining, *shall be offered* to be put *to sale until it shall be* mended and *made sufficient* in all things; and that therefore the party so offending *shall put in security that it shall not be sold before it be mended*, in

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all points, according to the order, direction, and appointment of the *Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants;* and *that the same so amended shall not be sold,* or offered to be put to sale, *before it be viewed again,* and allowed of by the said *Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants,* or the major part of them, or else to be broken without any further view or order.

And it is also ordained, that in regard of the extraordinary care and pains to be taken in viewing and searching as aforesaid, *every particular person, member of the said Fellowship, shall pay to the said Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* the sum of *four-pence quarterly* to the use of the said Fellowship.

And for the care and pains in viewing, every member shall pay 4*d.* quarterly.

XLVI.

ITEM, whereas *there hath formerly been divers and great abuses* offered *to divers expert and sufficient workmen in the said Art or Trade of Clock-making, as well by importing from beyond the seas, as by making within the realm, faulty and deceitful work, upon which have been set the names or marks of some other workmen who made it not, to the discredit and disgrace of them the said*

To remedy the abuse of other than the names of the actual makers being put upon work,

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wronged workmen, whereby the others dishonesty and deceit is not discovered:

whoever shall import work falsely marked, or put any name thereon other than that of the true maker, shall forfeit the same to the king, and be fined by the Company 40*s.* or more or less according to the nature of the offence.

It is therefore ordained, *that whosoever* hereafter *shall be found* by the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* of the Fellowship of Clock-Makers, or by any of them, or their lawful deputy or deputies, *to have imported such work* from beyond the seas, *falsely marked,* to sell or exchange by way of merchandizing, or *to have set any man's name or mark upon any work* made within this kingdom or dominion of Wales, *other than the name or mark of the true maker or finisher thereof,* shall *forfeit the said work or works* to the King's Majesty, his heirs and successors, *and* also be fined to the use of the said Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of Clock-Makers, *for every time so offending, and for every piece of work* which he or they shall be found to offend in, the sum of *forty shillings, or other greater or lesser sum, according to the nature* and quality *of the said offence,* to be taxed by the *Master, Wardens,* and *Court of Assistants* of the said Company.

XLVII.

None but admitted Clock-Makers shall hawk their

ITEM, it is ordained, that *if any person* or persons whatsoever, other than a free licensed

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and admitted Clock-Maker, either a freeman, foreigner, denizen or stranger, or any other for them, or by their means, *go about the streets* hawking or proffering *their wares* to sell *from shop to shop,* or in any inn, or any other place or places, within the liberties and franchises of this city, or within ten miles compass thereof, (being made and wrought within his Majesty's dominions, or coming from beyond the seas) *other than to a free Clock-Maker, admitted by the said Company*, and being not by the said Master and Wardens of the said Company sufficiently allowed of according to his Majesty's aforesaid letters-patents, that *thereby his Majesty's subjects may not be deceived,* shall hereby *forfeit the same* to his said Majesty, his heirs and successors, according as is hereby set down and proposed: *and the parties themselves*, for their several contempts from time to time fined, as *in the discretion of the Master, Wardens,* and *Court of Assistants*, or the major part of them, from time to time, shall be thought fit, *according to* the quantity and quality of *their offences.*

wares within the city of London or within ten miles thereof, other than to admitted Clock-Makers, under penalty of forfeiting the same, and paying such fine as the Court shall determine.

XLVIII.

ITEM, it is ordained, *that all person and persons* dwelling within the city of London and the liberties thereof, or within ten miles

All persons whatsoever exercising the Art within the

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city of London or within ten miles thereof, shall be contributary to the Company,

compass, as well within places privileged and exempt as not privileged and exempt, free of the said Company, that *doth, or shall use or exercise the said Art, Trade, or Mystery,* or any thing appertaining thereunto, *shall be contributary* and bear, and pay *unto the said* Master, Wardens, and Fellowship *of Clock-Makers,* to the use aforesaid, all *such reasonable sums of money* as shall be thought good and reasonable, *to be assessed* by the *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants* of the said Fellowship, or the more part of them for the time being, as well *for the affairs of his Majesty, this honourable city, as also for any other thing belonging to this Society,* in such manner *as other Freemen of the said Fellowship, and of other companies* of the said city, from time to time *are and shall be charged,* according to their abilities, upon pain of *forfeiture* of *ten pounds* to the said *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* to the use of the said Fellowship.

under the penalty of 10*l.*

XLIX.

A chest shall be provided with four several locks, in which shall be kept such effects as are valuable, the keys to be

ITEM, It is ordered, that *the said* Company *or Fellowship shall have one substantial* chest, *with* four *several* locks *thereupon, with* four *different several* keys *to the same:* which chest shall stand in some convenient place

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appointed for the same; wherein *shall be put all such monies, plate, jewels, books, and such like treasure*, as shall belong to the said Company or Fellowship; which keys shall be *in the custody of the* Master *and* three Wardens, every one of them to have a key; so that *they shall all four of them in person together, go to the said chest*, and open the same when and so often as there shall be occasion to put any thing therein, or to take any thing forth of the same; and *not one, two, or three of them to have all the keys;* neither *to go alone to the said chest* about the occasions aforesaid, but *all four, Master and Wardens, to go together;* and *if* it happen any *the said Master or Wardens to be sick, or out of town, or to have any other lawful business*, that *the same Master or Warden shall appoint* one of the ancientest that hath been Master or Warden before, *to take his key*, and in his absence *for that time, to go and help to the opening of the chest* to the occasions aforesaid.

kept by the Master, and three Wardens, who shall all four of them in person together open the same, and not one, two, or three of them alone.

remedy in case of sickness, &c.

L.

ITEM, where *divers* of the *nobility* themselves attending his royal majesty at court, and elsewhere, *as also divers others* in the like kind, *and not only they, but divers other persons of quality*, both of the city and country,

Recital of abuses by evil-disposed persons.

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many times, by the bad condition of ill-disposed persons, by way of purloining, or plain felonious stealing, taking, or other indirect embezzling from such noble and right honourable personages, and the rest as aforesaid, have and may, from time to time, *lose all sorts of Watches, Clocks, Larums, Cases, Dials, Mathematical-Instruments, and such other commodities, being wrought and sold by the* Master, Wardens, and Assistants, *and the whole body of the said Company,* or by some of them detained, or by any other:

Stolen work frequently sold to goldsmiths, brokers, &c. who by altering the names and marks conceal the offenders.

And whereas by common experience it hath been heretofore found by those, that it hath pleased his Majesty to make, in his gracious letters-patents, Master, Wardens, and Assistants, that divers watches that have, from time to time, in such purloining and felonious manner been bought *from and by such several persons who,* after their purloining and false taking as aforesaid, *have delivered the same to some Workmen coming from foreign parts,* and others *who have sold the same* to some goldsmith, broker, or others, and *have, by altering the names, and other particular parts or marks* of the said work, *defaced and obscured the same,* whereby the same might not be known, either from what party the same was so stolen or

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purloined, or who made it, that the parties themselves might not be apprehended:

Be it therefore ordained hereby, for prevention of the like abuses hereafter, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the *Master and Wardens* of the said Company of Clock-Makers, *or any two of them*, their or any two sufficient deputies allowed by the said Master and Wardens, by and with a full Court of Assistants, or the major part of them, *to make* and take diligent View, *Search*, Inquiry, and Oversight, *in all places suspicious*, and in all and every the houses, shops, warehouses, working-houses, cellars, sollars, place or places, of any person or persons whatsoever, *either of Clock-Makers*, goldsmiths, brokers, *or any other whatsoever*, whereby, by their true search, care, and oversight, as aforesaid, *the same wicked and evil actors and offenders may be rooted out* and reformed, and his Majesty's true and lawful subjects, in such case and cases, righted and relieved.

Master and Wardens may search in any place whatsoever, for articles which may have been so stolen, so that the offenders may be discovered, and the aggrieved party obtain redress.

LI.

Item, where, in the fifteenth ordinance made, it is ordained, *that none hereafter admitted to be a brother of this society, shall take to himself any apprentice or apprentices, but first to*

Fifteenth bye-law recapitulated, a Brother to have but one apprentice,

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a Warden or Assistant may take two apprentices and no more.

have leave and licence of the Master, Wardens, and *Court of Assistants, or the more part of them, and then to have but one until he shall bear office of Warden or Assistant of or in the said Company; and after he shall be so called to be Warden or Assistant of the said Company, not to exceed the number of two at any time whatsoever;* now forasmuch *as the benefit* of being admitted to be Warden, or one of the Assistants, in *not paying* the several *fines of admittance into the* clothing *and to* the place of stewardship, will be of great advantage to the party or parties, so to be admitted Warden or Assistant:

Persons admitted Warden or Assistant, before they have been admitted to the clothing, or been steward, to pay 20*l.* clerk, 13*s.* 4*d.*, beadle, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Be it therefore ordained, that *every* such *party* that shall be so *admitted, before he be called to the clothing, or being Steward, shall pay* to the Master and Wardens of the said Company, to the use of the said Fellowship or Society, the sum of *twenty pounds*, and to the clerk thirteen shillings four-pence, and to the beadle three shillings four-pence.

LII.

No apprentice shall be admitted to work for himself, or for hire, who shall not have duly served his full time,

Item, It is also ordained, that *no servant or apprentice* that is, or *hath unlawfully*, without just and reasonable cause, *departed from his master, mistress, or dame,* not having served

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the full time of his or their Apprenticeship, or Term of Covenant, *shall be admitted to work for himself, or with any Master, before such time that the said Servant or Apprentice hath fully accomplished his Time* or Term of his or their Apprenticeship as aforesaid, *and given content to his said Master, Mistress, or Dame,* their or any of their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; *And* their Departure shall be registered in the Common Hall of the said Company, upon a Court-Day, before the MASTER, WARDENS, and COURT of ASSISTANTS, or the major part of them, whereby Notice may be taken of such unlawful Departure as aforesaid; that they thereby, may give no permission to any such Apprentice or Apprentices, unlawfully departed, to work; *and those that shall set any such to work,* having been forewarned thereof, *shall pay* to the said *Master, Wardens, and Fellowship,* to the Company's Use, the sum of *five pounds,* to the Clerk six shillings eight pence, and to the Beadle two shillings six pence; *And* for his or their *further Offence* in that degree, from time to time, *to be further punished,* according to the discretion of the MASTER, WARDENS, and COURT of As-

unlawful departure to be registered.

Whoever shall employ such unlawfully, shall forfeit £5 Clerk 6s. 8d. Beadle 2s. 6d.

and for further offence to be further punished.

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SISTANTS, or the major Part of them, until he or they leave off setting any such unlawful Servant to work. *And that Servant* so unlawfully departed, *never to have* the Benefit, *Freedom*, or Liberty to work for himself, or for or with any other, *until* such time as *the said Master, Mistress, or Dame*, their or any of their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, come in open Court as aforesaid, and there publicly *acknowledge satisfaction for such Wrong* received, as formerly; and for the Entry, to pay the Company two shillings, to the Clerk twelve pence, and to the Beadle four pence.

Servants unlawfully leaving their employers, shall not be admitted to the Freedom, until their former employers shall acknowledge satisfaction in open Court, then to pay 2s. 6d. Clerk 1s. Beadle 4d.

LIII.

ITEM, whereas, of late, *many Abuses have crept up by bad and insufficient Workmen*, that have no true knowledge in the finishing any Work they take in hand, whereby it may prove saleable, and no deceit used to the Subject, and especially those that should have been instructed by them, *Now therefore to the end that all and every Apprentice and Apprentices hereafter, that shall become bound to any Person or Persons whatsoever using*

To prevent abuses in the trade through insufficient workmen, and that every apprentice that shall be bound, may become a true Artist,

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the Art, Trade, or Mystery, of a professed Clock-Maker, may in time become a true Artist in the said Trade and Profession of a Clock-Maker, after the full expiration of their Term;

every person using the Art within the limits of this Charter shall duly teach his Apprentice (who shall be resident in his House) the whole Art, to the end that he may make up his masterpiece with Credit.

BE *it hereby ordained, that every Person* or Persons whatsoever *using, or that* hereafter *shall use the Trade*, Art, and Mystery of Clock-making, within the City of London, Liberties, and Suburbs thereof, or within Ten Miles compass, according to the Letters Patent of Incorporation, *shall* hereafter *teach and instruct his said Apprentice* and Apprentices in such manner and form *as their Predecessors formerly have done, which is to keep daily and duly him and them in his House, and there, by himself or his sufficient Journeyman, teach or instruct them in the making of Cases or Boxes of Silver or Brass, and likewise the several Springs belonging to a Watch, Clock, or Larum, and likewise all other particular and peculiar things belonging to such Watches, Clocks, Larums, Mathematical Instruments, and Sun-Dials, his or their said Master shall teach and instruct them in;* to the end they may, in time, make up their Masterpiece with sufficiency of credit, and

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truly understand both the beginning and ending of their Work, from time to time, which they shall take in hand. *And none to buy any Boxes, Cases, Springs, or otherwise, but of such a professed* and allowed *Clock-Maker*, or such other sufficient Workman, as by the said MASTER, WARDENS, and COURT of ASSISTANTS, or the major Part of them, shall be thought fit and allowed of, and as is hereby set down, whereby the sufficiency and true goodness thereof may be known, *upon Penalty for the first Offence*, to pay the Master and Wardens, to the Use of the Company, *five pounds*, or such other reasonable penalty, as by the MASTER, WARDENS, and COURT of ASSISTANTS, of the said Company, or the greater Part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being, to be two) shall be thought meet, according to the nature and quality of the Offence; *And for the second Offence, such Fine or other Punishment, according to* the quantity and quality of *their Offence or Offences, as* in the discretions of the MASTER, WARDENS, and COURT of ASSISTANTS, or the major Part of them (whereof the Master and one of the Wardens for the time being, to be two), *shall be thought fit.*

None to buy the several Articles but of a professed Clock-Maker or sufficient Workman under penalty of £5.

and for the second offence, such other fine as the Court may determine.

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LIV.

ITEM, *to the end* it shall appear *what* Oath and Oaths, *every* Person and Persons which shall become *Master or Wardens*, or of the *Assistants or Livery*, *or a Freeman* of this Company, Fellowship, or Fraternity, or the *Clerk*, *Beadle*, *or Beadles*, of this Fellowship, *and every Person* at any time to be *allowed to work as Servants* to any of this Fellowship, or *within their Government*, *shall take*, or enter into;

Every person admitted Master, Warden, Assistant, Livery, Freeman, Clerk, or Beadle, shall take the Oaths required,

It is ordered and ordained, that they and every of them, shall severally take such several Oaths as are here respectively set down, and the Oath of loyalty and supremacy to the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, according to the Laws of this Realm, as they now be, or hereafter shall be, provided.

and also the Oath of Loyalty and Supremacy.

LV.

ITEM, *every Master or Warden* agreed upon, in sort as aforesaid, to be Master and Warden for the succeeding Year, *to take Oath before the ancient Master*, *and both or one of*

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the Wardens and Court of Assistants, in this sort ensuing, viz.

The Oath to be taken by every person admitted Master or Warden and before whom.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King and to his Heirs and Successors, you shall endeavour yourselves the best you can, whilst you continue in the Office whereunto you are now chosen, justly and indifferently to execute, and cause to be executed, your Offices in every respect, and to put in due execution all the good and lawful Laws and Ordinances in the Book of Ordinances expressed and contained, without assessing or punishing any Person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing any Person for reward, meed, dread, favor, or affection: And of all and every such Goods, Plate, Jewels, Sums of Money, or any other thing or things, that, by reason of your said Office, shall come to your hands, charge, and custody, you shall, according to the Ordinances made touching the same, yield and make a good, true, and plain Account within convenient time, after you shall be thereunto required by the Master and Wardens of the Company and Fellowship for the time being; or else you shall pay your Fines according to the same Ordinances. So HELP YOU GOD.

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LVI.

ITEM, *the Oath of every one chosen from time to time of the Assistants, to be taken before the Master, and all or one of the Wardens and Court of Assistants,* to the effect ensuing, viz.

The Oath to be taken by every person chosen an Assistant, and before whom.

YOU shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors; you shall assist the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship of Clock-Makers for the time being, in their Rule and Government of the said Fellowship, so long as you shall continue one of the Assistants, with your best and soundest advice: and shall endeavour yourselves, to the utmost of your skill and knowledge, justly and indifferently to execute your said Place and Office in every respect; and to put in due execution all the good and lawful Ordinances of this Society, contained, and which shall be expressed and contained, in the Book of Ordinances, without punishing or assessing any Person for envy, hatred, or malice, or sparing of any Person for love, fear, dread, favor, or affection, or for reward, or for hope or promise of reward. SO HELP YOU GOD.

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LVII.

ITEM, *the Oath of every one of the Livery to be taken in sort aforesaid*, and to the effect ensuing, viz.

The Oath to be taken on admission to the Livery.

YOU shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors; and that you shall perform and obey all that to you appertaineth to be done, by the true meaning of this Book of Ordinances of this Society, and be honest for you to perform, and approved or warranted by the Laws of this Realm. SO HELP YOU GOD.

LVIII.

ITEM, *when any of the said Livery of this Society shall be at any time chosen and appointed, according to the said Book of Ordinances, to be Auditor for any accounts or reckonings touching this Fellowship*, to be passed or taken by or from any Master, Wardens, or others, he *shall take Oath in sort aforesaid*, to the effect ensuing, viz.

The Oath to be taken by every person chosen Auditor.

YOU shall faithfully, and to the best of your skill and knowledge, hear and examine

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all such Accounts and reckonings, which by any Person or Persons shall be made and offered, in any wise touching or concerning the Affairs of this Fellowship or Company; and the same accounts and reckonings so by you heard and examined, shall deliver up in writing under your hand, to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, of this Fellowship or Society for the time being, upon reasonable request to you made, and at such time as the Master and Wardens for the time being shall appoint, with your allowance and disallowance of the said account: you shall not allow any thing for love or favor, nor disallow any thing for hatred, or malice; but shall justly and indifferently hear and examine the same account, so near as God will give you Grace. So HELP YOU GOD.

LIX.

ITEM, *that the Clerk of the Fellowship shall take his Oath in manner and to the effect here ensuing*, viz.

The Oath to be taken by the Clerk.

YOU shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, and his Heirs and Suc-

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cessors, and to the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship* of this Society; and all the commandments of the Master and Wardens of the same Fellowship, being lawful and honest, and touching and concerning the affairs and business of this Fellowship, belonging to your Office, willingly you shall do and execute. True entries of all things belonging to your Office, you shall make, without any partiality for favour or affection, lucre or gain, hatred, envy, or malice whatsoever. You shall not wittingly or willingly do or commit any thing that may be hurtful and prejudicial to the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship*; but shall honestly, justly, and truly execute your Office of Clerkship in all things appertaining to the same, as the Clerk of the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Fellowship* of this Society ought to do, so long as you shall continue and be in the same Office, according to your best skill, power, and ability, without any partiality. So HELP YOU GOD.

LX.

ITEM, *that every one that shall be, at a Court of Assistants, chosen and allowed to be*

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a Beadle of this Company, Fellowship, or Society, shall take his Oath to the effect here ensuing, viz.

The Oath to be taken by the Beadle.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; and obedient shall be to the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship for the time being; their commandments lawful and honest touching the affairs and business of this Fellowship, to the utmost of your power, willingly you shall do; And generally you shall justly and truly do and execute all and every thing and things appertaining to the said Office, as the Beadle of the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Fellowship*, ought to do, to the utmost of your skill, power, and ability, as long as you shall continue in the said Office, without any partiality whatsoever. So HELP YOU GOD.

LXI.

ITEM, *every one that shall hereafter be received to be a Freeman or Brother of this Fellowship, shall take the Oath of Supremacy, and likewise another Oath to the effect here ensuing*, viz.

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The Oath to be taken on admission to the fellowship.

YOU shall swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and at all times obedient to the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship and Society, and their Successors after them, in all honest and lawful things touching the affairs of this Fellowship. You shall be ready at all manner of Summons, and bear scot and lot in all manner of reasonable Contributions of, and to, this Fellowship; and the Fellowship of the COMPANY of CLOCK-MAKERS of the CITY of LONDON, you shall, to the best of your skill, power, and ability, uphold and maintain. You shall not know nor suspect any manner of Meetings, Conspiracies, Plots, and Devices against the King's Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, or the Government of this Fellowship, but you shall the same, to the utmost of your power, let and hinder, and speedily disclose to the Master or one of the Wardens of this Society. *And* this City of London, and Fellowship of Clock-Makers, you shall keep harmless, as much as in you lieth: *also* you shall be ready at all times to be at the Quarter Days, and every other Assembly, Matter, or Cause, that you shall be warned or called unto for the

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affairs of this Fellowship; unless you shall have lawful and reasonable excuse in that behalf. *And* all other Ordinances of this Fellowship or Society, ratified according to the Laws of this Realm, or otherwise lawful for this Fellowship or Society to make and ordain, you shall, to the utmost of your power, well and truly submit yourself unto and keep. So HELP YOU GOD.

LXII.

ITEM, *that forasmuch as it may often happen, by reason of sickness or other necessities, that the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship or Society may be absent,*

The Master and Wardens may appoint a Deputy by approbation of the Court, but not to act until sworn.

IT *is ordained*, That *the Master or Wardens* of this Company, *by order of a Court of Assistants, shall have power to make a Deputy* in any of their Places, for such time as shall be allowed at the said Court; *And that all things* touching the Affairs or Ordinances of this Company, *which shall be done, by, to, or before, such Deputy*, of any Master or Warden, *(so as such Deputy shall have taken such Oath as is there before in this Book of*

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Ordinances, appointed for the Master, or Wardens to take, the same Oath being taken before the Master and Wardens, or any two of them, and before the whole Court of Assistants, or the greater part of them) *shall be held in state and case, as if the same were in the presence of, or done, or executed by, to, or before, the Master or Warden himself,* who shall have made or assigned such Deputy without any quarrel, question, or exception to be made or moved, of, to, or upon the same.

All the Bye Laws ratified 11th of August 1632. 8th. Car. 1st.

ALL *which Acts, Ordinances, and Oaths, in form aforespecified, at the request of the said Master and Wardens of the Company or Society of Clock-Makers of the City of London, by authority of the said Act of Parliament, We the said Chancellor, and Justices of either Bench aforesaid, for good, laudable, and lawful Acts, Ordinances, and Oaths, do accept and admit, and as much as in us is, ratify, laud, and approve by these presents; In Witness whereof to this present Book, we have subscribed our Names and set to our Seals, the eleventh day of August, in the years of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles, by the Grace*

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of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, the eighth; Anno Domini, 1632.

THO. COVENTRYE.

THO. RICHARDSON.

RO. HEATH.

LXIII.

ITEM, *it is further ordained, that* if *any Person* of the said Fellowship, *being* so, as aforesaid, *chosen to be of the* said *Livery, shall* (without any reasonable and sufficient cause, to be allowed and admitted by the said MASTER, WARDENS, *and* ASSISTANTS) *refuse to accept and take upon him* to be of *the said Livery; And shall refuse to take*, within fourteen days next after Notice to him given of such his Election as aforesaid, *such Oath*, as by the Ordinance in that behalf made, is *appointed* to be taken; *That* then, and in every such Case, *every such Person* so re-

Any Freeman refusing (without good and sufficient cause) for 14 days to take the Livery after being chosen, to forfeit £15.

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fusing, *shall forfeit* and pay to, and for the use of, the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Fellowship*, the sum of *fifteen pounds*, to be recovered by action of debt, or levied by distress.

WE *have perused and do approve of, and allow this Order, Rule, and Ordinance, to be one of the Orders, Rules, and Ordinances of the Company of* CLOCK-MAKERS *of the City of* LONDON.

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